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St. Joseph Public Safety Officer Thomas Shepherd will soon be donating a kidney to a man in Florida. The two, previously complete strangers to one another, connected on Twitter and recently met in person.

SJ officer will donate kidney to man he just got to know

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — As a police officer, Thomas Shepherd is no stranger to scary situations. But, he says, he feels he has some sense of control in most situations.

In April, he'll perform an act of heroism during which he'll have no control.

"Definitely surgery will be scarier," said Shepherd, a St. Joseph Public Safety officer who is donating a kidney to a total stranger in Florida.

"It's something I've always wanted to do. But if I put myself on a donor list, I would have no say over who the organ goes to. I want it to go to someone who will make the best of it, and who is in need through no fault of their own," Shepherd said in an interview at the police station in St. Joseph.

In early December, he found that person through social media.

"It was on Twitter. He put out a video and someone I'm connected with must have re-tweeted it. I sent him a message on Twitter and here we are. It started out really formal," he said. But now, he has a new friend.

> **"It's something I've always wanted to do."**
>
> **THOMAS SHEPHERD**
> SJ public safety officer

Last week, Shepherd, 26, flew to the Fort Myers, Fla., area to meet the 47-year-old sports writer and his wife. The man has a hereditary kidney disease and needs a transplant within a year. He and his wife have two young children.

They had dinner together, and the next day Shepherd underwent a battery of tests at the University of Miama health system. The tests were to evaluate Shepherd's own health and confirm that the two men are a match.

"We got the green light on Friday (Feb. 14) and the transplant will probably be sometime in April," Shepherd said. "The day of testing included a meeting with a psychologist to determine your mental stability, and a meeting with a social worker to make sure you're there of your own free will."

He said meeting his recipient felt strange, in a way.

"You're immediately thrust into this intimate connection," he said.

Shepherd graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and has been an officer in St. Joseph for three years. He and his wife live in South Haven.

He said she'll fly with him to Florida for the transplant and he'll be in the hospital for a few days, then has to stay close by for two weeks. He said his recipient has so far paid any expenses not covered by insurance. But Shepherd does not have much sick time accrued at work, so isn't sure how he and his wife will navigate financially the weeks he'll be off work.

"It's about a two-month recovery time," he said.

Shepherd doesn't consider himself a hero.

"It's actually a little selfish. It fulfills a need in me to do something for someone. I'm a big believer in you should give whatever you can, whether it's your time, money and, in this case, my physical being."

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Berrien County Treasurer stepping down

Witkowski to take private sector job in April

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski said that after more than 20 years, he is stepping down as an elected official and taking a job with Abonmarche, an engineering firm in Benton Harbor.

WITKOWSKI

He said he plans to stay in the treasurer's office through the end of March so he can help finalize the list of properties being foreclosed on.

"We'll be busting our tails trying to get people into payment plans," he said.

Witkowski, 52, was first elected as a county commissioner in 1998, and then as the county treasurer in 2004. His fourth four-year term as treasurer is up at the end of this year.

He said stepping down now gives people a chance to apply to run for the treasurer's position. The deadline to apply to be on the ballot is

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A way to rein in stray cats in Berrien County

Animal Control director seeks program to control feral feline population

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — If you ask Tiffany Peterson, it takes a community to raise a cat.

The director of Berrien County Animal Control is trying to start a program that she believes would reduce the unowned cat population while saving the lives of many.

"Spring is the heaviest time, because we get a lot of kittens. Everybody is inundated with kittens," Peterson said.

At a meeting earlier this week, she told the Berrien County Board's Administration Committee about Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), a program that has become popular in some areas. The cats in the programs are referred to as "community cats."

Hoping to start the program in Berrien County, Peterson has applied for a $5,000 grant for equipment and has seven local veterinarians lined up who have said they will volunteer to spay and neuter stray cats for free.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

The Berrien County Animal Control shelter is overflowing with cats, and Director Tiffany Peterson says it's a chronic problem, especially in spring. Peterson is trying to start a Trap-Neuter-Return program, which aims to keep unowned cats safe but out of animal shelters.

A local man who builds dog houses for people in need might be willing to provide cat shelters, Peterson said.

The biggest immediate need is an anesthesia machine for female cats that Peterson is guessing would cost $2,000 or more. She said the machine currently being used is old and needs to be replaced. Male cats require only local anesthetic to be neutered, she said.

"It'll take years to see a difference. But the reality is we have a serious cat problem," she said. "As soon as we take 20 from a location, 20 more move in."

Peterson said in her quarterly report that the animal control shelter took in 244 cats from October

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Police investigate alleged assault at SJHS of student

Boys & Girls Club site coordinator fired after incident

By TONY WITTKOWSKI and LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writers

ST. JOSEPH — Police are investigating an alleged assault that took place at St. Joseph High School on Thursday that led to the firing Chris Glisson, who was site coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club there.

The incident involved a student and Glisson at St. Joseph High School's club location, police said.

Steve Neubecker, interim director of St. Joseph's Department of Public Safety, said a police report was filed and it remains an ongoing investigation. Neubecker said more information may be available Monday when the investigation's findings are sent to the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Public Schools released a joint statement Friday regarding the incident.

"The No. 1 priority for both

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LA man sentenced for smuggling drugs to Australia

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles man who smuggled nearly 90 pounds of cocaine to Australia inside of air conditioners, water heaters and other household appliances was sentenced Friday to nine years in federal prison.

Vardges Markosyan, 47, of North Hollywood was sentenced in Los Angeles federal court.

Prosecutors said that from 2014 to 2016, Markosyan suspended 88.2 pounds (40 kilograms) of cocaine in grease and packed it into tankless water heaters, log splitters, air compressors, lamp stands and air conditioners that he shipped to Australia for distribution.

The drugs were worth at least $7 million in Australia, according to court papers.

Markosyan pleaded guilty last year to conspiracy to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to engage in money laundering.

Former Iowa governor to monitor drugmaker

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Tom Vilsack, a former Iowa governor and U.S agriculture secretary, will monitor Purdue Pharma to ensure the OxyContin maker does not revive an aggressive marketing effort that critics say overstated the benefits of its opioid painkillers and downplayed the danger of addiction.

Purdue Pharma announced the appointment Friday as part of its federal bankruptcy proceedings. Vilsack worked on rural opioid issues as agriculture secretary under former President Barack Obama.

Purdue is facing more than 2,000 lawsuits over its role in the nation's opioid crisis, which has been linked to more than 430,000 deaths in the U.S. since 2000. The Stamford, Connecticut-based company entered bankruptcy court in White Plains, N.Y., last year as part of an effort to settle those claims. It's trying to get buy-in for a proposed settlement that could be worth more than $10 billion over time.

San Diego sheriff agrees to share immigration info

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego County Sheriff's Department will share records of people who were criminally arrested with immigration authorities, becoming the first local law enforcement agency in five states to comply with unusual demands for information, authorities said Friday.

In recent weeks, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has issued 'administrative subpoenas' – signed by an immigration official, not a judge – to state and local law enforcement agencies in Colorado, Connecticut, New York, Oregon and California.

Sheriff Bill Gore's announcement, in a statement from his department late Thursday, came less than a week after ICE issued four subpoenas, the only ones so far in California. The agency is the first in all five states to comply with the requests, ICE spokeswoman Lauren Mack said.

The demands for information are among several recent moves by the Trump administration against what it considers "sanctuary" jurisdictions, which adopt laws and policies to limit cooperation with immigration authorities.

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Poker Lotto
AD-2C-6C-3S-4S
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Midday Daily 4
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Daily 3
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Daily 4
7-1-8-8
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05-09-11-14-23
Keno
06-08-11-12-13-16-17-19-21-24-34-38-41-45-48-54-62-65-69-75-76-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$50 million
Powerball jackpot
$60 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
15-24-33-40-42
Estimated jackpot
$336,500
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3-3-0-9, SB: 4
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Cold steel

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Ice-covered junk vehicles lie in a heap at the Northern Metal Recycling plant in Becker, Minn., on Wednesday morning, as firefighters work at the site of a fire that had been burning for more than 24 hours.

Mom helps rescue truck driver days after giving birth

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Firefighters trying to put a tanker fire on Thursday in Indianapolis.. The driver of the tanker made contact with a portion of the guardrail on the ramp from I465 SB to I70 E. The contact, split the tank and overturned the semi, after which fire broke out.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Indiana woman who had given birth just a few days earlier said her instincts kicked in when she stopped along a highway to help save a driver who was on fire after his tanker truck loaded with jet fuel burst into flames.

Holly McNally, 35, had just left a hospital's neointensive care unit Thursday afternoon with her mother after they checked in on her son Connor, who was born Monday. They saw the overturned truck and flames along an Interstate 465 bridge that crosses over Interstate 70 on Indianapolis' far east side.

McNally said she slowed her car down and was stunned to see the 59-year-old driver on fire after he managed to get out of the truck on his own.

"People are videotaping and watching, but no one was going over there. So I told my mom 'I'm stopping, I'm going over there,'" McNally told WXIN-TV.

McNally, who has three other children, ages 8, 11 and 15, said that despite the risk to herself, she knew she had to help.

"I guess mom- and gut-instinct. If that were my child or my husband or my family member, I would want somebody to run up if they could," she told The Indianapolis Star.

Running toward the driver, McNally crossed paths with another man who was bringing a blanket to help extinguish the flames and cover the driver, whose clothes had burned off. As they began walking him away from the fire, an explosion rocked the overturned truck, which the driver told them was loaded with 4000 gallons of jet fuel.

"We started to go down the embankment a little bit, and I could smell the fluid running past my feet," McNally said. "I'm thinking I'm gonna blow up in an explosion, and not see my baby again."

A second explosion then caused the fire to spread and follow the three of them down the embankment. and the driver, who appeared to be in shock, began to slow down. Luckily, another man ran to the embankment and helped move the driver to safety.

"Without question, those good Samaritans saved this driver's life," Indiana State Police Sgt. John Perrine told The Indianapolis Star.

NJ attorney general enforces rules on emotional support animals for renters

By JULIE SHAW
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

A woman with a disability who lives at an apartment complex in Vineland, N.J., wanted to get a Yorkshire terrier puppy as an emotional support animal and had a doctor's prescription touting the benefit, but the property had a "no pets" policy and denied her request.

Another woman with a disability was told by her condo association in Ventnor that she couldn't keep both her Chihuahua and a cat, despite a note from her doctor that she needed them for her health. (The association's rules allowed condo owners to have up to two pets, but restricted renters like her to one pet.)

In both cases, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office stepped in, and now, the two women can keep their emotional support animals. And the property managers have agreed to change their policies, provide their staff with anti-discrimination training, and pay the residents thousands of dollars, the office announced Friday.

"Property owners, managers, condo associations, and others involved with New Jersey's housing industry need to comply with our anti-discrimination laws," New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal said in a statement Friday. "Their obligations include reasonably accommodating tenants with disabilities, which may include allowing tenants to keep support animals that do not otherwise satisfy pet policies."

The women's names and disabilities were not disclosed, and the property companies did not admit any wrongdoing under the settlements.

Patrick Semansky / AP photo

President Donald Trump points to the audience as he walks onstage to speak at a campaign rally, Friday, in Las Vegas.

2016 again? Russia back to stirring chaos in U.S. election

By AAMER MADHANI, DEB RIECHMANN and MARY CLARE JALONICK
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just weeks into this year's election cycle, Russia already is actively interfering in the U.S. presidential campaign in hopes of reelecting President Donald Trump, and is also trying to help the candidacy of Sen. Bernie Sanders on the Democratic side, intelligence officials have concluded.

The Russian efforts are aimed at undermining public confidence in the integrity of U.S. elections and stirring general chaos in American politics, intelligence experts say.

Lawmakers were told in a classified briefing last week that Russia is taking steps that would help Trump, according to officials familiar with the briefing. And Sanders acknowledged Friday that he was briefed l ast month by U.S. officials about Russian efforts to boost his candidacy.

The revelations demonstrate that the specter of foreign interference in the 2020 presidential election will almost certainly be a cloud over the campaign, and possibly even the final results if the contest is close. Democrats have consistently criticized Trump for not doing more to deter the Russians and others, and now they have fresh evidence to support their concerns.

There were some conflicting accounts about what the briefers had revealed about Russia's intentions. One intelligence official said that members were not told in the briefing that Russia was working to directly aid Trump. But advancing Sanders' candidacy could be seen as beneficial to Trump's reelection prospects.

"That Russia would put its national intelligence apparatus in an operational mode to enhance Sanders and attack (Joe) Biden and others is only natural," said Malcolm Nance, a veteran intelligence officer who wrote a book on meddling in the 2016 presidential election. "A damaged Sanders or one who would lose at a brokered convention would ... assure another Trump victory."

Sanders condemned Russia and called on President Vladimir Putin to steer clear of U.S. politics.

"I don't care, frankly, who Putin wants to be president," Sanders said. "My message to Putin is clear: Stay out of American elections, and as president I will make sure that you do."

Trump, acknowledging nothing, took a different tack in responding to news that the House Intelligence Committee earlier this month had been briefed by U.S. intelligence experts that Russia was attempting to ensure his reelection.

On Friday he sought to minimize the new warnings by his government intelligence experts and revived old grievances in claiming any problem was just Democrats trying to undermine the legitimacy of his presidency.

The president started the day on Twitter, claiming that Democrats were pushing a "misinformation campaign" in hopes of politically damaging him.

Later, making light of the intelligence findings at a campaign rally in Las Vegas, he suggested that Russia might actually prefer Sanders in the White House.

"Wouldn't he rather have, let's say, Bernie?" Trump said. "Wouldn't he rather have Bernie, who honeymooned in Moscow?"

A senior intelligence official with knowledge about the briefing said the handful of U.S. election security briefers did not tell Intelligence Committee members in so many words that Russia was "aiding the re-election of President Trump."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the classified briefing, said the briefers covered election threats from Russia, China, Iran, non-state actors, hacktivists and ransomware, but that both Democrats and Republicans homed in on Russia's activities. The official said some of the lawmakers reached conclusions that had not been made by the briefers.

The fresh warnings about Russian interference came in what has been a tumultuous stretch for the intelligence community.

A day after the Feb. 13 briefing to the House Intelligence Committee, Trump berated the acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire in a meeting at the White House. Then this week, Trump abruptly announced that Maguire would be replaced by Richard Grenell, a Trump loyalist who also will hold the job in an acting capacity.

In addition to Maguire, two other senior officials will soon leave the agency.

Andrew Hallman, one of Maguire's top deputies, announced Friday he would leaving. He is expected to return to the CIA, where he has spent more than 30 years, according to an official familiar with the move, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the personnel move. Jason Klitenic, the general counsel for the national intelligence director's office, is returning to private practice. Klitenic's departure is unrelated to the sudden shakeup by Trump.

Former CIA Director John Brennan told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Friday that Trump's ouster of Maguire and Hallman was a "virtual decapitation of the intelligence community."

Like Trump, Sanders appeared to suggest there was a political motive to the revelations about Russian interference. Nevada Democrats are to hold their nominating contest on Saturday.

"One day before the Nevada caucus, why do you think it came out?" he said.

Trump erupted when he learned last week about the briefing to House members, according to a senior administration official familiar with the matter. It was unclear whether he was aware of the specific information briefed, but he was agitated that contents of the briefing could be politically damaging to him, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to dicuss sensitive matters.

Trump tweeted Friday that he was considering four candidates to serve as permanent intelligence director and said he expected to make a decision within the next few weeks. He told reporters Thursday evening that Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia was among those he's considering.

But Collins, who is vying for one of Georgia's Senate seats, said Friday he's not interested in the job overseeing the nation's 17 spy agencies.

The installation of Grenell, even in a temporary role, has raised questions among critics about whether Trump is more interested in having a loyalist than someone steeped in the complicated inner workings of international intelligence.

Grenell has a background that is primarily in politics and media affairs. Most recently, he's been serving as Trump's ambassador to Germany.

The Democratic chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, dismissed Grenell as someone who, "by all accounts, rose to prominence in the Trump administration because of his personal devotion to Donald Trump and penchant for trolling the President's perceived enemies on Twitter."

From the start of his presidency three years ago, Trump has been dogged by insecurity over his loss of the popular vote in the general election and a persistent frustration that the legitimacy of his presidency is being challenged by Democrats and the media, aides and associates say. He's also aggressively played down U.S. findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 election.

In addition to those findings by the major intelligence agencies, a nearly two-year investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller concluded there was a sophisticated, Kremlin-led operation to sow division in the U.S. and upend the 2016 election by using cyberattacks and social media as weapons.

Despite strong start, Buttigieg seeks $13 million for Mar. 3

By THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg says he needs to raise $13 million to stay competitive through the 14-state Super Tuesday contests on March 3, despite strong finishes in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary.

The tricky financial picture for one of the surprise candidates of 2020 comes as the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, reported Thursday that he spent more than twice as much as he brought in during January, even as he was simultaneously ramping up for the Iowa and New Hampshire contests.

But the Iowa Democratic Party's debacle in reporting results may have dampened what Buttigieg could have expected to raise immediately after Iowa. Buttigieg ended with a near-tie in Iowa with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has fielded a strong organization and fundraising this cycle after competing strongly against Hillary Clinton for the 2016 presidential nomination.

"The Iowa deal took some luster off what would have been a great night and a great week," said Bobby Mandell, a Florida lawyer among Buttigieg's most influential donors. "I know he did fine that week, but not as well as he could have done, had he been able to claim outright victory."

Mandell says he and Buttigieg's donors remain upbeat and committed as the candidate squeezes fundraising events in Nevada ahead of the Saturday caucuses there, and campaign and fundraising jaunts to California, the most delegate-rich prize in the March 3 sweepstakes.

The pace rapidly quickens after Nevada, as Buttigieg races from Nevada to Colorado and Virginia, important Super Tuesday states, before spending most of next week in South Carolina. Buttigieg's campaign in South Carolina must show signs of support from African American voters who make up a majority of that state's Feb. 29 primary electorate.

In the Super Tuesday primaries, Buttigieg faces free-spending billionaire Mike Bloomberg, who did not compete in the first four nominating contests, but has advertised heavily.

No longer fighting solely to distinguish himself chiefly from Sanders, Buttigieg told donors in the $13-million appeal Thursday, "We are now also up against a billionaire who is throwing colossal sums of money on television instead of doing the work of campaigning."

Buttigieg is scheduled to headline three fundraisers before March 3, aides said.

Still, Buttigieg said Thursday he had raised $11 million to date in February, adding to the $6 million in contributions his campaign reported receiving in January. However, Buttigieg spent $14 million in January, an investment he'd hoped would reap heavily from beating expectations in Iowa. He had only $6.6 million in the bank at the end of the month.

Damian Dovarganes / AP photo

Democratic presidential candidate and former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg takes questions from students at the USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future town hall in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Judge dismisses Nunes lawsuit against Fusion GPS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Friday dismissed a racketeering lawsuit brought by Republican Rep. Devin Nunes against the political research firm that enlisted a former British spy to look into Donald Trump's ties to Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Nunes, the former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and a vocal ally of Trump, had accused Fusion GPS in a lawsuit last year of harassing him and trying to impede his panel's investigation into Russian election interference.

The lawsuit, which was filed in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, and also named a nonprofit advocacy group as a defendant, sought nearly $10 million in damages.

Lawyers for Fusion denied the allegations, and U.S. District Judge Liam O'Grady dismissed the lawsuit in a two-page order Friday.

Bloomberg says 3 women can be released from NDAs

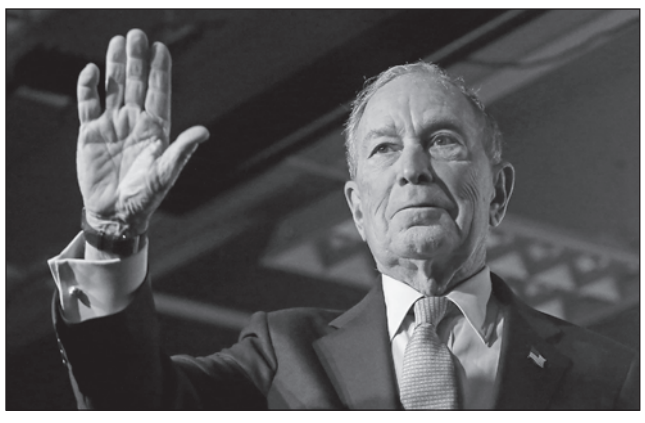
By ALEXANDRA JAFFE and KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mike Bloomberg said Friday he'd free three women from confidentiality agreements that bar them from speaking publicly about sexual harassment or discrimination suits filed against him over the last three decades.

The billionaire former mayor of New York also said his company, Bloomberg LP, will no longer use such agreements "to resolve claims of sexual harassment or misconduct going forward."

His remarks come after days of intense scrutiny over the treatment of women at the company he's led for three decades, and amid pressure from Democratic presidential rival Elizabeth Warren to allow the women to share their claims publicly. Warren hammered Bloomberg over the issue in the recent debate, his first time facing his rivals. The announcement Friday highlights his efforts to remove a vulnerability ahead of the next debate, on Tuesday in South Carolina, and refocus his campaign ahead of March 3, known as Super Tuesday, when he will be on the ballot for for the first time.

Bloomberg didn't automatically revoke the agreements, but told the women to contact the company if they would like to be released. The three agreements he's willing to open up relate specifically to comments he's alleged to have made. His company reportedly faced nearly 40 lawsuits involving 65 plaintiffs between 1996 and 2016, though it's unclear how many relate to sexual harassment or discrimination.



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Democratic presidential candidate and former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg waves after speaking at a campaign event, Thursday, in Salt Lake City.

Bloomberg said in a statement he'd done "a lot of reflecting on this issue over the past few days."

"I recognize that NDAs, particularly when they are used in the context of sexual harassment and sexual assault, promote a culture of silence in the workplace and contribute to a culture of women not feeling safe or supported," it continued.

But his move only prompted more criticism from his rivals.

"That's just not good enough," Warren said while campaigning Friday in Las Vegas, a day before the Nevada caucuses. "If there are only three, then why didn't he sign a blanket release?"

A spokeswoman for former vice president Joe Biden's campaign said Bloomberg's action "tells the public nothing," by only addressing three agreements.

"If Mayor Bloomberg wanted to release all current and former Bloomberg LP employees from NDAs, he surely could have done so – and he still can and should," Biden's deputy campaign manager, Kate Bedingfield, said in the statement.Bloomberg's Friday statements mark a stark departure from his remarks about the agreements in this weeks debate. He called the agreements"consensual" and said women who complained "didn't like a joke I told." The remarks were viewed by some as out-of-touch with the post-#MeToo era, which has prompted far more serious scrutiny of sexual harassment and innuendo by men in the workplace. Bloomberg is one of the country's richest men, worth an estimated $60 billion.

It was the first time Bloomberg was truly put on the spot in an otherwise choreographed campaign, where he's been promoting his message via television advertising and scripted speeches rather than debates and town halls with voters.

Vadim Ghirda / AP

A child walks by photos of Vili Viorel Paun, a 23 year-old man killed in the Hanau shootings, are placed outside his family's house, in Singureni, southern Romania, Friday. A 43-year-old German man shot dead nine people of immigrant backgrounds in the Frankfurt suburb of Hanau on Wednesday night before killing his mother and himself. He left a number of rambling texts and videos espousing racist views.

Grief, anger and calls for action after shooting in Germany

By DAVID MCHUGH and FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

HANAU, Germany — Gokhan Gultekin's juggling act was in many ways typical of Hanau's Turkish community: taking care of frail parents, hustling to work at a late-night cafe, making some cash on the side at a second job and attending Friday prayers at the mosque across town.

On Friday, Gultekin's friends mourned him at his house of worship, two days after "Gogo" was killed in a racially motivated shooting rampage that shook Germany and prompted fresh calls for a crackdown on far-right extremism and anti-immigrant scapegoating.

"We grew up in here in these streets, ran through the playgrounds, laughed together," said Omer Demir, who described his recently engaged, 37-year-old friend as hard-working. "He had to be. He had to take care of his parents. If he had 50 euros, he would give 30 to his mother."

On Wednesday, a 43-year-old German, Tobias Rathjen, shot to death nine people with immigrant backgrounds in this Frankfurt suburb before apparently killing his mother and himself. Five of the victims were reported to be Turkish citizens. Rathjen left rambling texts and videos in which he espoused racist views, called for genocide and claimed to have been under surveillance since birth.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, said protection would be stepped up across the country at mosques and other "sensitive sites" in the wake of the attack.

"The threat posed by far-right extremism, anti-Semitism and racism is very high in Germany," Seehofer said in Berlin.

In Hanau, German and Turkish flags flew at half-staff outside the Turkish-speaking DITIB mosque, where more than 300 people attended the regular Friday prayers.

"The mood is subdued," said Adam Arslan. "I cannot accept this crime."

The mosque opened its doors to the journalists who have swarmed into Hanau after the attack – not a usual practice in privacy-obsessed Germany. Members of the congregation discussed their concerns openly and offered reporters tea.

The chairman of the mosque board, Memduh Onder, said the community was not afraid, "because we are together," citing the memorial gathering Thursday evening in front of City Hall, where German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier spoke. "The thousands of people on the square, most of them were German," Onder said.

In the southern Romania village of Singureni, another of those killed in the attack was mourned by relatives. Vili Viorel Paun, 23, left school and went to Germany at age 16 to earn money to pay for his mother's medical treatement, and was working as a driver for a delivery company. His parents followed him there.

His aunt, Nicoleta Danciu, described him as "a very gentle young man, polite as a girl, the nicest kid one can imagine. The pain from his loss will never go away."

Family members last saw him in the summer, when he spent a few days and "gave us rides with his nice car," which they said was the silver Mercedes seen in photos from the shooting site.

Photos of Paun stood outside the family house, candles lit by villagers around them.

On Thursday evening, thousands of people gathered in cities across Germany to hold vigils for the victims but also to express anger that authorities haven't done more to prevent attacks despite a string of violent episodes in recent years. Last week, authorities arrested 12 men, including a police employee, on suspicion of planning attacks on Muslims and politicians.

Some have also called for a crackdown on the extremist and anti-migrant ideology that has crept into mainstream political debate with the rise of the Alternative for Germany party, or AfD. A top official in the center-left Social Democratic Party, a junior partner in Chancellor Angela Merkel's governing coalition, accused AfD of providing ideological fodder to people like the Hanau gunman.

"One person carried out the shooting in Hanau. That's what it looks like. But there were many that supplied him with ammunition, and AfD definitely belongs to them," Lars Klingbeil told German public broadcaster ARD.

Parts of AfD already were under close scrutiny from Germany's domestic intelligence agency. The party has rejected all responsibility for far-right attacks, including a deadly anti-Semitic shooting outside a synagogue and the killing of a regional politician last year.

One key question in the investigation is whether authorities or others were aware the gunman posed a threat. Peter Frank, Germany's chief federal prosecutor, said investigators will examine his movements and contacts.

"That's one of the points that's particularly interesting to me in this investigation," Seehofer said. "Who knew what."

Italy reports 1st virus death, cases more than quadruple

By LUCA BRUNO and NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

CODOGNO, Italy — Italy reported its first death from the new virus from China early Saturday and the number of people infected more than quadrupled due to a cluster of cases that prompted officials to order schools, restaurants and businesses to close.

State-run RAI television reported a 78-year-old man, one of two people in northern Veneto region to have been infected, died Friday. Italian news agencies ANSA and La-Presse also reported the death, citing the Veneto regional president, Luca Zaia.

In Lombardy, at least 14 new cases were confirmed, representing the first infections in Italy acquired through secondary contagion and bringing the country's total to 19. The cluster was located in a handful of tiny towns southeast of Milan, said Lombardy regional health chief Giulio Gallera.

"This was foreseeable even if we hoped it wouldn't have happened," Gallera said.

The first to fall ill was a 38-year-old Italian who met with someone who had returned from China on Jan. 21 without presenting any symptoms of the new virus, health authorities said. That person was being kept in isolation and appears to present antibodies to the virus.

The 38-year-old is now hospitalized in critical condition. His wife and a friend of his, who was a member of his running club, also tested positive for the virus. Three patients at the hospital in Codogno where he went with flu-like symptoms on Feb. 18 also have infections, as do five nurses and doctors.

In addition, another three elderly people, who frequented the same cafe as the runner's father, also tested positive Friday, Gallera said.

Tests were under way, meanwhile, on the 38-year-old's doctor, who made a house call on him, as well as on 120 people he worked with in the research and development branch of Unilever in Casalpusterlengo, Gallera said.

Word of the contagion sparked fears throughout the region, particularly given the closure of the emergency room at the Codogno hospital.

"We are old and we are very concerned," said 76-year-old Codogno resident Carmelo Falcone. "I live on my own. I really don't know what to do."

Italian Health Minister Roberto Speranza said Italy is now seeing the same sort of "cluster" of cases that Germany and France have seen. He signed an ordinance with Lombardy's regional president outlining measures to contain the cluster to the 10 towns so far affected: Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Maleo, Fombio, Bertonico, Castelgerundo, Terranova dei Passerini, Somaglia and San Fiorano.

The towns, which have between 1,000-15,000 residents each, are located around 60 kilometers (37 miles) southeast of Milan, Lombardy's capital and Italy's business center.

The ordinance suspends public gatherings, commercial and business activity, sport, education, and other recreational activities throughout the region, Speranza, the health minister, said.

He defended the precautionary measures Italy took previously, noting that Italy remains the lone European country to have barred flights to and from China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

"We had the highest measures in Europe," he said.

The health ministry ordered anyone who came into direct contact with the victims to be quarantined for 14 days. And it recommended others in the region stay home. Italy's civil protection agency, meanwhile, was working to identify military buildings, hotels or other structures that could serve as isolation wards if necessary.

"In other parts of the world, and also in China, it has been demonstrated that this system (of self-isolation) helps in a substantial way to block the spread," Lombardy regional president Attilio Fontana said. "But we must not let ourselves be overcome by panic."

The Codogno hospital closed its emergency room, and staff were seen wearing masks as movers brought in new beds and furniture as the quarantine got under way.

Rome's infectious disease hospital is currently caring for three other people who were infected weeks ago, including a Chinese couple from hard-hit Wuhan and an Italian who is now testing "persistently negative" for the virus after two weeks of anti-viral treatment.

Despite the calls for safeguards, Italians were having a hard time finding protective face masks. A sampling of Milan pharmacies reported selling out out weeks ago, as did a pharmacist in Codogno who said Italy had been sending masks to China for weeks.

Luca Bruno / AP

Personnel carry new beds inside the hospital of Codogno, near Lodi in Northern Italy on Friday.

7-days of reduced violence begins in Afghanistan

By QIAM NOORI
dpa (TNS)

KABUL, Afghanistan — A seven-day period of reduced violence between the militant Taliban and Afghan government forces and their international allies started at midnight local time on Friday.

Reelected Afghan President Ashraf Ghani announced the starting time in a televised speech.

Earlier Friday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo declared the U.S. had reached an understanding with the militant Taliban about a significant reduction in violence.

Ghani said all Afghan forces would be in active defense positions, and would closely monitor the situation.

He added that operations against other terrorist groups including Islamic State militants and al-Qaida would be continued during the weeklong period.

In the meantime, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement Friday night that their militants were being ordered to "act upon orders during the next seven days."

According to the statement, Taliban militants were barred from going to areas controlled by the Afghan security forces.

The reduction in violence is seen as a test of the Taliban's control of their ranks and their commitment to peace.

According to Pompeo, if the reduction in violence is successfully implemented, the signing of an agreement between the U.S. and the militants could "move forward." A signing ceremony is being prepared for Feb. 29.

The Taliban said that the finalized accord will be signed in the presence of international observers.

EU ends testy budget summit without deal, much work ahead

By LORNE COOK and RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders broke up a marathon budget summit without a deal Friday and their positions were still so far apart that they could not even decide when to meet again on the divisive issue.

After 28 hours of talks the leaders could not find a compromise, with a half dozen wealthy member states insisting they would not stump up more funds for the bloc's next long-term spending package, worth around one trillion euros.

"The differences were simply too big," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "There is still a lot of work ahead of us."

What's at stake is whether leaders are ready to put their money where their mouths are when it comes to European policy ambitions. At the same time, amid poor economic growth, they cannot afford to give the impression to their home audiences that they are splashing out taxpayers' cash.

"As my grandmother said, to succeed you have to try," EU Council President Charles Michel said. It was not clear yet exactly when a new summit would be set.

"The work is going to have to continue in coming weeks and months," said French President Emmanuel Macron. "There have been some improvements but they're not good enough."

Beyond the problems of reconciling rich and poorer member states, the departure of Britain at the beginning of the month, which was a high contributor to the EU coffers, also made things tougher.

"It's a very difficult negotiation, especially after Brexit and the gap (of) between 60 and 75 billion euros," said Michel.

The so-called "Frugal Four" of Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden, and a few others, believe the EU's 2021-2027 budget, which is meant to fund ambitious climate change and digital economy policies, should amount to 1 percent of the 27-nation trading bloc's gross national income.

On the other hand, many of the poorer member states and the European Parliament wanted to stick with a bigger budget of 1.3 percent.

"I can understand that when you're a prime minister in a country that has poor regions, infrastructures, I can understand that ... but when it comes to the percentage, I stand firm," Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen told reporters in Brussels.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said: "There is a way to get out of this. But not tonight."

The tussle over the seven-year budget is almost a tradition in the EU, with long meetings par for the course.

"In the past it was always such. We needed two or three summits. I am hopeful to get a new breakthrough next time," said Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz.

It is an issue though that cannot be pushed forward forever. Unlike national budgets, the EU's spending plan cannot be temporarily rolled over based on the terms of the previous seven-year package. The budget's legal basis would evaporate without an agreement.

From next year, funds to help poorer European regions would disappear and five countries that currently receive rebates – a return on their funds because they contribute more than they receive – would lose that money, and their contributions would "skyrocket," EU officials say.

It's not just about this lengthy summit. The whole budget process was launched almost two years ago and the EU's executive commission had insisted it be finished last fall, as the current budget period expires this December.

Broadly speaking, the "Frugal Four" with the backing of Germany are lined up against the "Friends of Cohesion," a group of mainly central and eastern European nations who want to see the continued flow of "cohesion funds" – money earmarked to help develop poorer regions.

"If we want to find an agreement, I think everybody has to be flexible. It cannot be the way that one, or some, countries try to dictate the outcome," said Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin.

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25 years ago – 1995

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LECO Corp., which owned and used the building on Hilltop Road within the St. Joseph city limits, had the building demolished. LECO Vice President Robert DeLong said the building was in need of substantial repair it was decided it wasn't worth renovating.

35 years ago – 1985

Standup comic David Adkins, a former Benton Harbor resident, will appear in the finals of "Star Search" tomorrow.

Adkins, who performs under the name "Sinbad," is a 1974 graduate of Benton Harbor High School, attended the University of Denver and served in the Air Force from 1979-82. Adkins has performed in nightclubs and comedy clubs in a number of states. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Adkins of Second Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.

50 years ago – 1970

Harry Froehlich, owner of the Little Super store at 1007 Main Street, St. Joseph, since March 1, 1946, has retired and turned over the business to his sons, who formed the Little Super, Inc. All three of the boys, Harry, Karl and Ted, have helped in the store. The elder Froehlich doubled the size of the market since he purchased it from Clifford and Francis Vogler 24 years ago.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2020. There are 313 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 22, 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

On this date:

In 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1857, Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, was born in London.

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election in November 1861.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1984, David Vetter, a 12-year-old Texas boy who'd spent most of his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.

In 1995, actor Ed Flanders, 60, died at his own hand in Denny, California.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain	Scattered Snow
43°	33°	45° / 37°	40° / 32°	38° / 34°	36° / 24°

Local Outlook

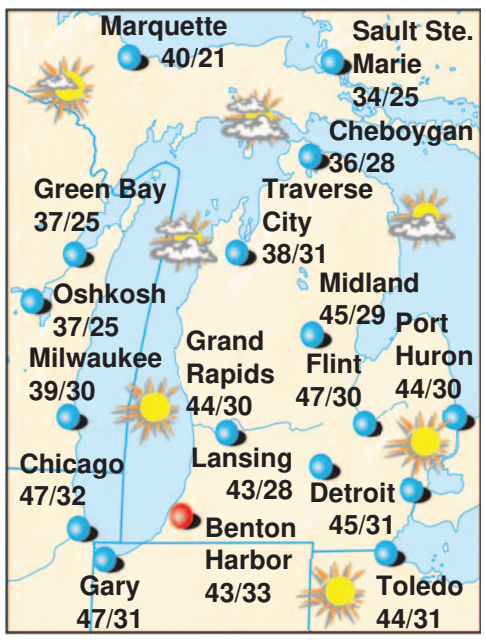
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 43°, humidity of 52%. Southwest wind 9 to 16 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°. South southwest wind 8 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 24°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	6:26 p.m.
Moonrise	7:24 a.m.
Moonset	5:32 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	37°
Low	11°
Normal High	37°
Normal Low	22°
Record High	66° in 2017
Record Low	4° in 2008

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.66"
Normal for month	1.05"
Year to date	4.52"
Normal Year to date	2.80"

Air Quality

Yesterday	38
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

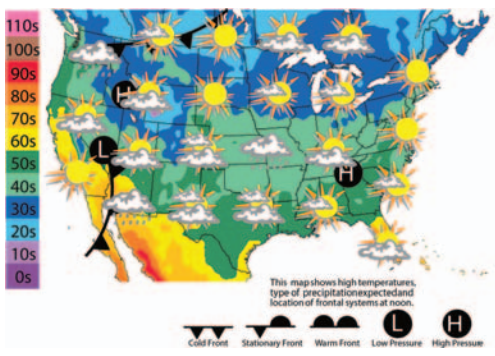
Weather Trivia

What is the record for the most consecutive days below zero in the U.S.?

Answer: In January 1969, Havre, Mont. sank below zero for over 16 days.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 22, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SW wind 13 to 17 kt, with gusts as high as 24 kt. Widespread freezing spray. Sunny. Waves 3 to 5 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 12 to 14 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. Southwest wind 8 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s and 40s. Southwest wind 6 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 40s. Southwest wind 9 to 16 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 40s and 50s. South southwest wind 11 to 15 mph.

37 dogs rescued from dogfighting ready for adoption

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — An animal adoption agency in Washington state has made 37 dogs available for adoption after they were rescued from a suspected dog-fighting ring last year.

All the dogs are pit bulls, range from a few months old to five years old and were brought to the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County in December, KING-TV reported Thursday.

The Humane Society has started accepting adoption applications Thursday.

"They did come to us malnourished and they were scared," said Humane Society spokesperson Victoria Gingrey, adding that they made progress during their two months in the shelter. "These dogs are lovely. They're very friendly. They're very social."

All the dogs were evaluated and will be available once they have been spayed/neutered and standard medical care is completed, Gingrey said.

Any prospective adopter must fill out an application and a comprehensive background check will be conducted.

CATS

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through December, 2019. Of those, 73 that were unadoptable were euthanized. She said cats that have lived outdoors with little or no human contact do not adapt well to an indoor environment with people.

The idea of TNR is to humanely trap stray cats, spay or neuter them, then return them to the location where they first showed up. They can no longer reproduce and, returning them to their location prevents any new colony of unaltered cats from taking over that same territory.

Cat advocacy organization Alley Cat Allies promotes TNR and, in program literature, refers to it as "Community Cats."

The organization says scientific studies show that cats are part of the natural ecosystem and do not significantly impact wildlife populations. But without being spayed or neutered, they reproduce in unmanageable numbers.

Besides being spayed or neutered, community cats are vaccinated and ear-tipped (a small cut is made at the tip of one ear), a universal sign that a cat is part of a TNR program.

"The only effective approach for community cats is Trap-Neuter-Return," the organization states in its literature.

Community cats are not owned by anyone, live in colonies and are at home outdoors. But they need access to food and shelter, so a TNR program requires that those things be provided. Many of the TNR programs rely on donations.

Alley Cat Allies says municipal animal control agencies for decades have been catching and killing cats in a misguided attempt to reduce the cat population in a given area. But that, the organization says, is not a permanent solution.

"This endless, cruel cycle is not supported by the public, wastes tax dollars and is ineffective," the organization says.

Untrapped cats continue to breed and other cats move into the newly available territory soon after a colony is killed.

For more information, visit alleycat.org or contact Berrien County Animal Control at 927-5648.

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TREASURER

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4 p.m. April 28.

Looking back on his career as a public servant, he said he is proudest of the payment plan system he set up in 2008 to help homeowners stay in their homes. The county forecloses on property after the owner doesn't pay property taxes three years in a row.

He said the county's job is to collect taxes, not own properties. He estimated that an average of 400 property owners each year have entered into payment plans, with more than 95 percent of the property owners sticking with the plan.

The program has been so successful that he said almost every county in the state now has one.

Witkowski said another one of his major accomplishments was collecting $36 million in property taxes for the public education system over the past 10 years from homeowners who claimed the homestead exemption but did not qualify.

Only Michigan residents can obtain the break on their property taxes on their primary residence.

As an elected official, he said he always tried to be compassionate and to put the people first. He said that's the mindset he's taking to Abonmarche, where he will be setting up an asset management program.

Witkowski said the program he sets up will help municipalities use engineering and financial information to prioritize infrastructure projects over many years.

Witkowski said many municipalities have aging roads, sewers and water systems. He said it can be overwhelming when elected officials try to figure out which projects to do, first, with limited money.

He said he can help elected officials through the process because he's gone through it himself, as an elected official.

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POLICE

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organizations is the protection of the youth we serve. While Thursday's incident at St. Joseph High School is under investigation, both groups are actively cooperating with the St. Joseph Police Department," the statement read. "The Boys & Girls Club's zero tolerance policy against violence resulted in the immediate termination of its site coordinator involved, and will continue to do whatever it takes to ensure the safety and protection of the youth it serves."

Glisson is also varsity softball coach at Benton Harbor High School. He declined comment Friday when contacted by The Herald-Palladium.

St. Joseph Public Schools Superintendent Thomas Bruce said the incident occurred a little after 3 p.m. Thursday on high school property.

The school district and Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor began a partnership in October by opening an onsite location at the high school.

"We have over 70 kids involved in the program. The program has been very successful and we want that to continue," Bruce said. "Chris (Glisson) has had good relationships down there. The Boys and Girls Club has been helpful given the situation and sent people over today (Friday) to help out."

Because the investigation is ongoing, Bruce said he could not comment further about the incident.

It was announced last fall that the club would set up a location at the high school after a pilot program was introduced at E.P. Clarke Elementary School last school year.

After getting positive feedback from E.P. Clarke students, the school's administrative officials opened discussions on the possibility of growing the club's footprint within the district.

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Eau Claire sets public hearing on recreational marijuana use

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

EAU CLAIRE — The Eau Claire Village Council has set a public hearing for Wednesday, March 4, to hear public comments on whether the village should allow recreational marijuana businesses in the village.

The hearing will be held at the Eau Claire District Library in the community room. It is set to start at 6 p.m. that day. No vote will be taken at the meeting.

Village council members decided in January to hold the public hearing before making a decision. The village opted in to allowing medical marijuana in 2017, but voted to opt out of recreational marijuana shortly after the statewide vote in November 2018.

Currently, one business has received the go-ahead to open two medical marijuana facilities – one a grow operation and one a retail location – in the village. Those businesses are expected to open later this spring.

Local resident Rick Anstiss is asking the village to allow recreational marijuana so he can open a recreational marijuana business in a vacant gas station building on the east end of Main Street. He envisions a business where people can buy marijuana and related products, consume marijuana, get educational information and maybe have a massage.

Also in action this week, council members appointed Jason Pompey of Cassopolis as the village's new code enforcement officer and zoning administrator.

Wave walking

Don Campbell / HP staff

A beachcomber walks past waves crashing into Lions Park Beach this week in St. Joseph as sunshine provided a needed winter morale boost.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

SJ High School Orchestra to compete in New York

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Students in the St. Joseph High School Orchestra program will travel to New York next month to compete for the Orchestra Cup as part of the National Orchestra Championship.

The competition will be held on March 7 in Alice Tully Hall at the Lincoln Center. The Orchestra Cup began in 2002 and has featured many of country's best student orchestras.

Each performance is judged by orchestral professionals and educators from around the nation.

In addition to the competition, the students will receive a master class from Michael Adelson.

Adelson, who is known as a conductor, composer, writer and educator, made his first appearance with a major American orchestra in 1992, conducting the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

He has served on the conducting staff of the New York Philharmonic and has conducted the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Philharmonia Orchestra in London, the Norwegian Chamber Orchestra, the Helsinki Philharmonic, and the Finnish and Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestras

The master class is made possible by a grant from the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation.

Over the past several years, the St. Joseph High School Orchestra has performed at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, the 2012 and 2017 American String Teacher Association National Orchestra Festival, as well as performance tours of California and Great Britain.

Photo provided

The St. Joseph High School Orchestra is competing in the Orchestra Cup next month in New York.

Ferris State will offer degrees in criminal justice for LMC students

By HP STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College students will soon be able to earn a bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice Generalist degree without having to leave Southwest Michigan.

Ferris State University's Board of Trustees approved partnerships Friday with LMC and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, in Kalamazoo, to establish permanent sites for delivery of the bachelor's degree in criminal justice, according to a news release.

Ferris plans to begin enrolling students at LMC and KVCC starting with the Fall 2020 semester.

The Big Rapids-based university reported in the release that administrators and trustees liked the idea because it will offer opportunities to strengthen collaboration with two Michigan-based community colleges. It's efforts to collaborate with Michigan's community colleges dates back to the 1980s, according to the release.

Ferris' Extended and International Operations unit has worked closely with the KVCC and LMC administrative teams to facilitate these newest partnerships.

"These are brand new partnerships that represent a lot of hard work to collaborate and build upon Ferris' reputation with partnering with community colleges," said Steven Reifert, dean of Extended and International Operations, in the release. "This is just another way that Ferris continues to be innovative in terms of reaching beyond Big Rapids and our main campus to provide opportunities to students in many different ways."

U–M freezes fossil fuel investments, studies its current policy

By KIM KOZLOWSKI
The Detroit News

The University of Michigan is freezing its investment in fossil fuel companies as it examines its investment policy, a step that local environmental activists have been pushing the university toward for years.

UM Regent Mark Bernstein announced the move during the regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, bringing thunderous applause as the decision was hailed by students, faculty and community members.

"We have a responsibility to do everything we can to disrupt the flow of carbon into the atmosphere," Bernstein said after the meeting. "This requires disrupting the flow of money to the fossil fuel industry."

Bernstein said the fossil

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Ask a Cop

STEVE NEUBECKER
St. Joseph
Public Safety Director

Knowing when to signal a turn

When I am traveling south on Niles Avenue in St. Joseph, in the area with all the fast food joints and stores like Family Dollar and Harding's, if I am going to turn right into one of those businesses, I never know the proper time to put my turn signal on.

For example, if I'm going to Family Dollar, but there is a car waiting to exit McDonald's, (which comes first) but the two driveways are very close, what should I do? If I apply my signal too late, the car behind me might not stop in time and hit me from behind. If I apply my signal too early, the car waiting to pull out of McDonald's might think I'm turning there, and pull out in front of me, causing a collision. Who would be at fault in a crash in either of those scenarios? And what can you advise motorists as far as signaling turns in this area, where people take a lot of chances pulling out onto the busy road? I see a lot of close calls.

Austen, from Bridgman

Austen,

As always I'd like to thank you for caring enough about these situations to ask this question. I hope the response adequately provides answers to your question. All information given below is derived from Michigan Public Act 300 section 257.648. This is the legal standard set by the State of Michigan regarding the use of turn signals.

The State of Michigan first states "The operator of a vehicle or bicycle upon a highway, before stopping or turning from a direct line, shall first determine that stopping or turning can be made in safety…." This means that your responsibility as the driver whose intention it is to make a turn from a roadway is to complete that turn in as safe of a manner as possible. This does not mean that you are held responsible for the negligent action of others.

In the specific example provided I would suggest the following – early and slow application of your brakes to give motorists behind you adequate time to slow or safely change lanes before you make your turn. This shows that you are doing everything within your power to make your turn safely. If you're attempting to make a turn into Family Dollar and there is someone waiting to enter Niles Avenue from McDonald's I would suggest that, in conjunction with the early braking, you wait until you have passed the McDonald's driveway to signal your turn. This avoids any confusion between yourself and the driver that is waiting to enter Niles Avenue. According to the Michigan Compiled Laws section (257.648) listed above there is no requirement to signal your turn within a set distance. That being said, you're still required to complete the turn in a safe manner. I'd always recommend signaling as early as possible, but each situation is different and it is up to you as the operator of a motor vehicle to make your best judgement in signaling in a safe manner.

This being said, in the specific examples you've

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Willie J. Boone, 28, of Council Drive, Benton Harbor, 1-5 years in prison, credit for 7 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence third offense, an assault on a woman, July 9, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

False bomb threat

Mario A. Cummings, 48, of Columbus Avenue, Benton Harbor, 60 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,898 in fines and costs, $1,540 in restitution and 2 years probation for making a false report of a bomb threat Oct. 10, 2019, in Royalton Township. Cummings, while working at the YMCA, phoned in a bomb threat, then went home. He told police he was tired and did not want to work that day.

Fleeing/resisting police

Michael J. Thompson, 27, of Wauceda Avenue, Benton Harbor, 54 days in jail, credit for 54 days served, for attempted assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Drew Wagner Dec. 28, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

James E. Curry Jr., 54, of Wauceda Avenue, Benton Harbor, 300 days in jail, credit for 79 days served, and $252 in costs for third-degree fleeing police Sept. 3, 2019, in Benton Township.

Troy W. LaPlante, 42, of West John Beers Road, Stevensville, 180 days in jail, credit for 23 days served, and $198 in costs for fourth-degree fleeing police Jan. 11, 2019, in St. Joseph.

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Footwear maker will pay $113M over polluted drinking water

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A footwear maker's cost to resolve a lawsuit over contaminated drinking water in western Michigan is $113 million, but it will be less due to a $55 million payment from chemical giant 3M.

The consent decree among Rockford, Michigan-based Wolverine World Wide, the state of Michigan and two Grand Rapids-area townships was approved by a federal judge this week.

The settlement includes more than the previously announced $69.5 million that Wolverine will provide over a multi-year period to extend municipal water to more than 1,000 properties with private wells in Algoma and Plainfield townships – near where Wolverine dumped "forever" chemicals known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, decades ago. The company will spend an estimated $43.5 million on environmental investigation and remediation costs.

Maplewood, Minnesota-based 3M, which was sued by Wolverine in 2018 – its co-defendant in a number of lawsuits – will pay $55 million to support the shoemaker's past and ongoing efforts to address PFAS remediation in the two townships under the consent decree. 3M began manufacturing the compounds in the 1950s and in 2000 announced a voluntary phaseout of production of two types, PFOA and PFOS.

They were used in Scotchgard – which was sold to Wolverine – and in firefighting foams and other products. Wolverine has a number of shoe brands, including Hush Puppies, Keds, Saucony and Stride Rite.

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fuel industry has in its reserves five times as much carbon as the scientific consensus thinks can safely be burned, and alternatives need to be found.

"We need to stop paying for our own destruction," Bernstein said. "Climate change is an existential threat to human life. Everything we do at the University of Michigan – all our teaching, research and scholarship – is wasted is this planet is inhabitable."

Activists at UM, who have been lobbying the university for years to completely divest in companies linked to climate change, said the move was important but the university needs to go further.

"While this is a major victory for the fossil fuel divestment movement, it is only the first step," said a statement issued by the The Climate Action Movement at UM, a coalition of UM students, staff, faculty, alumni and Ann Arbor community members.

"It is not enough to refrain from making additional investments – the University must commit to divest the $1 billion it currently has invested in the fossil fuel industry. This must happen urgently, and we publicly call on the Regents to commit to full divestment and begin withdrawals by Earth Day 2020 (April 22nd)."

Bernstein said review of all fossil fuels investments would be done in a "deliberative, thorough, inclusive and responsible manner."

"We will proceed with this assessment as quickly as possible, and plan to take any appropriate actions in the months ahead," Bernstein said.

The announcement comes as the UM President's Commission on Carbon Neutrality, created in 2019, works toward recommendations for achieving carbon neutrality at its three campuses, Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint. By fall, the commission is expected to issue a final report.

Many spoke about the policy during the public comment period of the meeting.

Among them was Laura VanKoughnett, a UM student and member of the university's Climate Action Movement.

"While we are thrilled about this announcement of freezing all fossil fuel investments, we still ask for a public timeline for divestment," said VanKoughnett. "Investment officers at other schools have come to the conclusion that divestment and reinvestment is not only the morally sound choice but financially expedient."

She said that many schools have completely divested in fossil fuels companies including Georgetown, Oregon State University, Syracuse University, University of California and University of Maryland.

"Why haven't we done anything yet?" VanKoughnett said. "We are in a critical movement in the fight for our future and the world is moving forward without us. It is your job to move us forward."

UM has divested twice, from South African and from tobacco companies decades ago, according to spokesman Rick Fitzgerald.

Zeeland shuts down short-lived sex shop

By AUDRA GAMBLE
Holland Sentinel

ZEELAND — A sex shop in downtown Zeeland lasted just 23 hours before city officials shut it down.

Patrick Cooper, who owns Z.ink tattoo shop at 36 N. Elm St., said he opened Grimlock's Emporium for the Misbehaved Lady in a suite next door to Z.ink at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

Cooper said he wasn't going to sell any pornography, but did have light bondage supplies, crops, assorted sex toys, novelty gifts and more in the store.

On its Facebook page, the store advertised "Oodles and Kaboodles of Noodles and more at reasonable prices!"

Just before 9 a.m. Friday morning, Zeeland's community development department director contacted Grimlock's Emporium for the Misbehaved Lady and told Cooper he wasn't allowed to operate what was considered to be an adult bookstore in the downtown area.

Zeeland zoning ordinances don't allow for adult bookstores downtown, but such a store would be allowed in a heavy industrial zone.

Cooper said he did read the city ordinance about adult bookstores before planning to open the new store, but said he didn't think what he was selling would be a problem.

"I will not sell any kind of pornography," he said. "But a vibrator shouldn't be a problem."

Cooper said after his conversation with the city official Friday morning, Zeeland's chief of police came by the business at 2 p.m. Friday and forced him to close the doors to Grimlock's Emporium for the Misbehaved Lady.

If Cooper reopens the business, he said police warned him he could be fined up to $500 a day for violating the ordinance.

Before the shop was closed, Cooper said the grand opening was a success.

"People were so thankful and happy, these women are almost in tears they were so thankful for something like this in Zeeland," Cooper said. "I expected to have a little blowback because I know where I am, but to have the chief of police show up, that was so intense over fake plastic penises.

"They made me clear out all of my shelves, including the non-sexual stuff like handcuffs. Cops have handcuffs too, but they made me clear it all out. They came at me with everything they had."

Zeeland City Manager Tim Klunder said he hadn't personally been to the new store, but that city officials became aware of the store via social media.

"Any business should check to make sure it's in an appropriately zoned district for what they want to do," Klunder said. "They did not do that, and by our definition, it's an adult bookstore. That's not allowed in our central business district."

Klunder said the chief of police was asked to go along to the business because "things like this are always controversial."

"I don't think women should be ashamed of this," Cooper said. "There's nothing wrong with what I have here and there should not be any reason I can't be here. If I opened up a gun store, they wouldn't have a problem. I could sell a gun but not a (sex toy)."

Should Cooper want to stay in his current location, Klunder said the business owner could apply for a use variance through the planning commission or appeal the zoning administrator's interpretation of the ordinance through the zoning board of appeals.

"This is purely based on the fact it doesn't meet our zoning requirements for where that business is located, it has nothing to do with the type of business it is," Klunder said. "We have to enforce the ordinance."

Zeeland city code defines an adult bookstore as: "an enclosed building used for the sale of motion picture films, videocassettes, magazines, posters, and other printed material, or tapes, or sex objects for other than contraceptive purposes, distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas, as defined in this ordinance, for sale to patrons therein."

Cooper said it wasn't his intention to create controversy.

"Anyone who has followed me on Z.ink is well aware of my support of being able to be who you are and that was my intent with Grimlock's. I'm well aware of how oppressive toward women this community can be and this has been really eye-opening," Cooper said.

Wrestler adds to abuse allegations against university doctor

By LARRY LAGE, DAVID EGGERT, KATHLEEN FOODY and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR — An Olympic wrestler has accused a University of Michigan doctor of touching him inappropriately during medical exams at the school and said the physician's reputation for such conduct was well known among his teammates.

Andy Hrovat, who competed for the U.S. in the 2008 Summer Olympics, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the encounters with the late Dr. Robert E. Anderson happened during his freshman year in 1998.

"I would like to let people know that it's OK to come out," Hrovat said in an interview from his attorney's office in Denver. "It's OK to let your voice be heard."

He is the first athlete to make public accusations against Anderson following complaints this week from other former students that the doctor sexually abused them decades ago. The revelations echo high-profile sexual abuse allegations made against sports doctors at other universities.

"I was warned about him from teammates, saying, 'If anything happens and you go see the doctor, he's going to inappropriately touch you, that's just what Dr. A does,'" Hrovat recalled.

He declined to describe the exam, saying he was uncomfortable talking about it.

"To me, the mental part of it of having to go in there knowing that this doctor was going to touch you inappropriately is what sticks out most in my mind," he said.

Hrovat said he did not tell then-Michigan wrestling coach Dale Bahr or anyone in athletic administration about Anderson's conduct.

"In my mind, he normalized what he was doing and made you think that was just a normal part of the procedure," he said. "So why would you tell somebody?"

Speaking to the AP on Friday, Bill Martin, who was Michigan's athletic director from 2000 to 2010, said Anderson had not even been on his radar.

"I actually never met him and never heard one word about him good, bad or indifferent," Martin said in a telephone interview.

On Thursday, the university's president apologized to "anyone who was harmed" by Anderson. His comment came a day after the school announced that it had launched an investigation into Anderson's behavior following abuse allegations from five former patients.

Another former student, Gary Bailey, told the AP that Anderson dropped his pants and asked him to fondle his genitals in a medical exam during Bailey's senior year in 1968 or 1969. Bailey said he filled out a complaint form to the University Health Service within a month or so, writing that the behavior was "inappropriate."

"I never heard anything about it ever again," said Bailey, now 72.

Officials have acknowledged that some university employees were aware of accusations against the doctor prior to a 2018 complaint that led to a police investigation.

University President Mark Schlissel opened a meeting of the school's Board of Regents Thursday by reading a prepared statement about Anderson, who died in 2008.

"The patient-physician relationship involves a solemn commitment and trust," he said. "The allegations are highly disturbing. On behalf of the university, I apologize to anyone who was harmed by Dr. Anderson."

University spokesman Rick Fitzgerald said Thursday that, since the investigation was announced, 22 people have called a hotline to report on interactions with the onetime director of the University Health Service and physician for the football team. Fitzgerald said he did not have detailed information about the individual callers or what they described. He said some of the callers reported having no issues with Anderson.

"It was a traumatic thing at the time," Bailey said of his experience with Anderson. While the abuse has not "ruined my life or anything, it may have other people and that's why I'm bringing my story to light."

Bailey, who is gay, said Anderson "preyed a little bit on people who were gay ... because he sort of thought that they wouldn't say anything because, you know, people were pretty closeted back then." He said he told friends about the abuse decades ago.

Bailey, of Dowagiac, Michigan, first publicly spoke to The Detroit News.

Another man, Robert Julian Stone, told the AP on Wednesday that Anderson assaulted him during a medical appointment at the university's health center in 1971. Stone said he alerted university officials last summer, inspired by the national #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct.

The AP left phone messages with two of Anderson's three children. An email was sent to the third seeking comment.

Fitzgerald said he could not elaborate on investigators' findings that some university employees were aware of accusations against the doctor prior to the 2018 complaint that led to a police investigation.

John Manly, a lawyer for many of the hundreds of victims of now-imprisoned former Michigan State University sports doctor Larry Nassar, said Thursday that half a dozen people have called his California-based firm alleging abuse by Anderson – mostly ex-football players and wrestlers. He said they were fearful of what could happen to their positions on teams or at the school if they reported what he did to them.

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provided the other vehicles listed would be at fault. It is up to the driver behind you to leave enough space between vehicles to stop in an assured clear distance. It is also up to the driver that is waiting to turn onto Niles Ave to ensure that the roadway in which they are turning is clear of traffic.

I hope this answers your questions and as always feel free to contact our department with any further questions you may have.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to Ask ACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

Bridgman Public Schools Announces

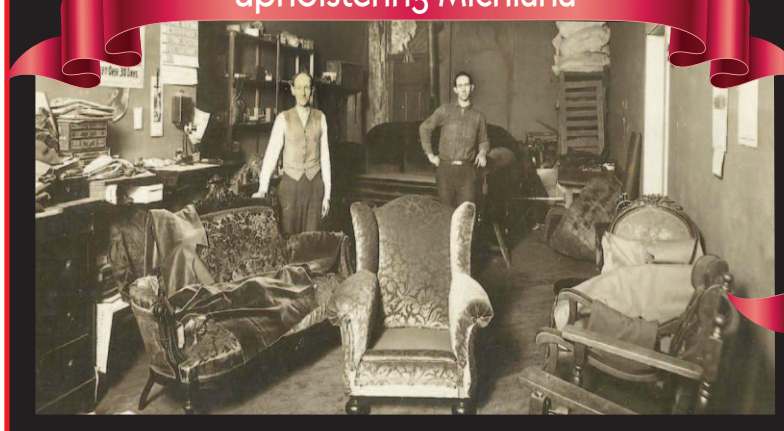
Kindergarten & Progressive 5's Round-Up

Enrollment packets may be picked up at the Bridgman Elementary School office February 24-28, 2020, 8-3pm & February 26, 2020, 5-6:30pm.

Information about the district's readiness screening program in March will also be available. All new K/P5 students will be screened.

- Children need to be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2020 to qualify for either program.
- Parents should bring the child's certified (courthouse issued) birth certificate, up-to-date immunization card, and proof of residency if a Bridgman School District Resident (rental agreement, tax statement, etc.) to enroll.
- Parents unable to attend registration should contact the school office at (269) 466-0241.

Additional information is on our website: www.bridgmanschools.com



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Filmmaker and TV producer Ava DuVernay speaks at the OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network's "Cherish the Day" series panel during the Discovery Network TCA 2020 Winter Press Tour in Pasadena, Calif. The series, airing at 10 p.m. EST Tuesday, follows a Los Angeles couple's relationship over eight episodes that span five years.

OWN's 'Cherish the Day' is a rare celebration of black love

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — To separate filmmaker and TV producer Ava DuVernay's trenchant, history-driven projects, including "Selma" and "When They See Us," from her new romantic drama series is to sell short the determined thoughtfulness that shapes all her work.

OWN's intimate, eight-episode "Cherish the Day," which tracks a couple's relationship over five years, is superficially a far cry from DuVernay's accounts of African American struggles for civil rights and against injustice or even her first OWN series, the sprawling family saga "Queen Sugar."

But as DuVernay tells it, the love story (10 p.m. EST Tuesday) represents a bedrock truth.

"I'm constantly thinking about the things that are important to me, and trying to pinpoint and navigate my place in the world as a black woman and culturally," she said. "And black love is a radical part of the survival of black people, more important than ... the stories that make it in the history books, because love is the driver of all those things."

As examples, she invokes the devotion of Emmett Till's mother, who brought the teenager's 1955 lynching to the forefront, and the black community's embrace of Martin Luther King Jr.

Love allows "people who are oppressed to survive in a world that doesn't really love them, or show love to them," DuVernay said. "I'm always amazed by stories about the Holocaust ... the stories of whole families, fractured generations of people, who we know healed themselves through love."

Her perspective makes the genesis of "Cherish the Day," which launches OWN's first anthology series, less improbable: The Emmy-winning, Oscar-nominated "13th," an examination of racial inequality in the American prison system. As the documentary concludes, Common's song "Letter to the Free" plays over a montage of smiling faces that DuVernay said represent "black folks in everyday life, enjoying life."

"All that was to say, even through this oppression and marginalization and this bias and this racism is a part of our lives here, we've loved through it and we built through it," she said. "That really was the first time I started to get the idea for this show."

Hollywood, which long shied away from non-white romances, has started to make room for them with films including "Crazy Rich Asians" and the newly released "The Photograph," starring Issa Rae and Lakeith Stanfield. TV is more inclined to feature couples of color in multi-ethnic shows such as "This Is Us," and routinely in sitcoms such as "black-ish" or a dramedy like Rae's "Insecure" or Donald Glover's "Atlanta."

Filling the void wasn't "top of mind," DuVernay said. But Alano Miller, who stars opposite Xosha Roquemore in "Cherish the Day," is glad she did.

Miller ("Underground," "Jane the Virgin") plays Evan Fisher, born into a Los Angeles family with means and making a name for himself in tech, opposite Roquemore's Gently James, from a less-settled background and with an adventurous streak. Award-winning screen legend Cicely Tyson ("Sounder," "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman"), plays Gently's mentor, a woman who's lived a celebrated life.

"As an actor, I'm looking at holes: where we're not being seen, or what is interesting in the way we can tell it," said Miller, applying that to TV's overall lack of romances, not only ethnic ones. "I haven't seen anything in a long, long time that had to do with love in general," he said, aside from the rare bird like Amazon's "Modern Love."

Looking back, Miller was as much taken with the classic films of Cary Grant (including 1957's "An Affair to Remember," saluted by filmmaker Nora Ephron in 1993's "Sleepless in Seattle") as he was with his own generation's movies, including 1997's "Love Jones" with Larenz Tate and Nia Long,

"Who doesn't love romance?" Miller said. "Who doesn't want to have that heart-pounding (feeling), who doesn't want to talk about love and in such a joyous way, as opposed to the time that we live in, which is a bit dark ... and everyone's very sensitive."

Roquemore was glad to tackle her first screen romance, which she thought might not be "in the cards" for her given that black female leads in love stories are usually light-skinned and because she'd become known for her comedic work, including in Mindy Kaling's "The Mindy Project."

Since she's had her own real-life romances (including with Stanfield, her former partner with whom she has a daughter), perhaps it was a "question of me not thinking big enough," Roquemore said. Then came "Cherish the Day."

"It's so cool for it to happen," she said. "And in terms of it being a show about black love, I think we need as many human iterations of black people in media as we can get. We're still trying to normalize the regular black experience, so if I can play a role in the process that does that, I'm honored."

DuVernay said the series has the right home on the Oprah Winfrey-founded OWN, where it reaches black female viewers that she described as focused on family, relationships and spiritual well-being (although as with "Queen Sugar" and its second window on Hulu, "Cherish the Day" will reach others as well).

"We have an audience that is dynamic and dedicated and underserved with things that look beautiful, writing that is meaningful, and that they've really responded to," DuVernay said.

OBITUARIES

Dixie Lee Grott

Dec. 27, 1947 – Feb. 16, 2020

Dixie Lee Grott, 72, of New Buffalo died peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020.

Dixie was born Dec. 27, 1947, in Fort Atkinson, Wis., the second of three children born to William and Lorraine Heitz. She married Michael Paul Grott on Aug. 23,1969, in Whitewater, Wis. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 2000.

Dixie was raised on a dairy farm owned by her parents outside of Fort Atkinson. She and her siblings attended a one-room schoolhouse through eighth grade. They were active in 4H through high school. Dixie graduated from Fort Atkinson High School in 1966. While living in Madison, Wis., Dixie was introduced to Michael Grott by mutual friends. They were married in 1969 and moved to Michael's hometown of Michigan City, Ind. In May 1970, they moved to New Buffalo, where they raised their three children and lived until their deaths.

Dixie will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by two daughters, Erin (Juergen) Nittner of Chesterton, Ind., and Laurie Grott of Michigan City; one son, Andrew Grott of New Buffalo; seven grandchildren: Nathan (Leanna) Grott of Buchanan, Brennan Grott of Michigan City, and Colin, Leah, Emily, Paige and Heidi Nittner, all of Chesterton, Ind.; one sister, Joy (Jerry) Witkins of Fort Atkinson; one brother, Ron (Susan) Heitz of Waukesha, Wis.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Family and friends will gather from noon until time of service at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks. Mrs. Grott will be laid to rest with her husband of 31 years in Pine Grove Cemetery, New Buffalo.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Madalyn J. (Sweet) Pagels

June 22, 1941 – Feb. 18, 2020

Madalyn J. (Sweet) Pagels was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Twelve Corners Community Church, 3902 Hicks Ave., Benton Harbor, with Pastor Richard Sing officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. Friends may visit with the family from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to Twelve Corners Community Church or the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Madalyn was born on June 22, 1941, in Benton Harbor, to Aldrich and Elsie (Bahm) Skibbe. Madalyn grew up on a farm in Millburg and began her working career away from the farm at Producers Creamery, followed by Whirlpool, Clark Equipment and AEP. Madalyn had a love for life and enjoyed the farm, traveling, shopping, eating out, and most of all, her family.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Carl; son, Dean Sweet; grandsons, Scott (Jessica) Thomas and Adam (Shannon) Thomas; great-grandchildren, Cooper, Piper and Hudson; brother, Ross (Deb) Skibbe; niece, Sarah (Joe) Brookshire (and her children, Josephine and Sullivan); and nephew, Dustin (Brittney) Skibbe (and his children, Westin and Aubree).

Madalyn was preceded in death by her parents, Aldrich and Elsie Skibbe; sister, Nancy Skibbe; and daughter, Amanda Sweet-Thomas.

Dena Mary Blay-Stroba

June 16, 1939 – Feb. 12, 2020

Dena Mary Blay-Stroba, 80, of Stevensville died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at home.

Dena was born in Detroit on June 16, 1939. The daughter of Clarence and Henrietta (Boekema) Blay, she was the first of five siblings. Dena was a passionate music lover and music major at Western Michigan University. In her younger years she was a music instructor and choir member at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was also a well-studied theologist, exploring not only her Catholic faith as a member of the Carmelite Order, but also many faiths from around the world. This led her to be a pioneering and integral member of the Interfaith Institute and Mothers Trust Mothers Place located in Fennville, Mich.

Dena married George Stroba Jr. on Oct. 10, 1959, in St. Joseph. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother, always putting her family first. She devoted her time, prayers and patience to the people she loved and cared for. Dena was the foundation of which her family was raised. Mom was always ready with an open mind, kind words, great advice and a warm hug.

Dena is survived by her husband of 60 years, George; daughters, Mary (Scott) Hauch and Susan (Tim) Mance; sons, David (Kerri LaRoux) Stroba, Jonathan Stroba and George Stroba III; sister, Mary (Chris) Cassel; brother, Stephen Blay; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass celebrating Dena's life will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 6, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor. A luncheon at the church will follow immediately after. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Berrien County Cancer Service, St. Joseph.

Andrew Joseph Hunt

Feb. 6, 2020 – Feb. 17, 2020

Andrew Joseph Hunt, of Benton Harbor, passed away on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Friends may visit from 5-7 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Bend, 610 N. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601. Those wishing to sign Andrew's guest book may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Andrew was born Feb. 6, 2020, in St. Joseph, to Nicholas and Katie Hunt of Benton Harbor. He is also survived by his twin brother, Axel Edward Hunt; maternal grandparents, Kathy Ruff and Gary Best of Coloma; paternal grandparents, Robert Hunt II and Teresa Hunt of Bridgman; and great-grandparents, Roland Dinges of Eau Claire and Norman Hunt of Bridgman.

Death notices

Raymond D. Bunch, 53, of Hartford died Feb. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Arlene Daday Dull, 68, of St. Joseph died Feb. 12, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Tillman Goble, 85, of Eau Claire died Feb. 20, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Linda Marsh, 74, of Dowagiac died Feb. 21, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Angelo Soldano Sr., 89, of Ashville, N.Y., former area resident died Feb. 20, 2020, at home. Lind Funeral Home, Jamestown, N.Y., (716) 664-3800.

George Frank Stroba Jr., 80, of Stevensville died Feb. 20, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

R. Frances White, 95, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 26, 2020, at Woodland Terrace of Longmeadow, Niles. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Angelo Soldano Sr.

Dec. 7, 1930 – Feb. 20, 2020

Angelo Soldano Sr., 89, of Ashville, N.Y., passed away Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, in his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Dec. 7, 1930, in Jamestown, N.Y., the son of the late Alberto and Mary Dalba Soldano.

On January 18, 1951, Angelo enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Japan and Korea. He was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged Jan. 17, 1954.

For over 40 years, he was a member of Local 600 Construction Workers Union, and following retirement, was the greeter at Sam's Club in West Ellicott. He enjoyed watching cowboy movies and was an avid gardener.

Surviving are four children: Darlene M. Soldano, Cheryl A. (Alfred) Gullotti, Angelo (Lisa) Soldano Jr., and Craig S. Soldano; six grandchildren: Ashley Haglund, Kevin Haglund, Chad (Jenna) Gullotti, Melissa (Shane) Johnson, Steven A. Soldano and Spenser A. Soldano; and seven great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Marian Santamaria Soldano, whom he married Nov. 7, 1953, and who died March 8, 2017; and eight brothers and sisters.

Angelo's family wishes to extend a special thank you to Marie and Allen for being there during this time.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Lind Funeral Home, Jamestown, N.Y. The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. You may leave words of condolence to Angelo's family at www.lindfuneralhome.com.

R. Frances White

June 23, 1924 – Jan. 26, 2020

R. Frances White, 95, lifetime resident of Berrien Springs, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at Woodland Terrace of Longmeadow in Niles.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at the Berrien Springs United Methodist Church, where friends may visit beginning one hour before the service. A luncheon will follow the service, after which a graveside service will be held in Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Berrien Springs United Methodist Church or to Woodland Terrace of Longmeadow, Niles. Online memories may be shared at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Frances was born June 23, 1924, in Berrien Springs, the daughter of Perley and Ruth (Feather) Porter. She married Gene White on March 18, 1949, in Berrien Springs. She was a member of the Rolling Shamrocks Camping Club, the Beta Gamma Epsilon Sorority – Alpha Ki Chapter, the Berrien County Quilters and the American Legion Auxiliary, Stover-Wagner Post 85. She was manager and co-owner with her sister of the Fabric-N-Yarn Shop in Berrien Springs for several years.

Survivors include her son, Gregory (Mardi) White of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Brad (Tamara) White of Georgia and Geoff (Casey) White of Oregon; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; her daughter, Margene Riley; her sister, Peggy Layman; and her brother, Gene Porter.

Arlene Daday Dull

April 14, 1951 – Feb. 12, 2020

Arlene Daday Dull, 68, of St. Joseph departed this world on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, surrounded by family and loved ones.

Arlene's optimism and fierce independence in spite of her blindness from a young age was an inspiration to all who knew her. She loved the outdoors and could be seen walking her dog many miles through the streets of St. Joseph on all but the coldest days of the year. She was an avid and voracious reader, a lover of words and language, enjoyed food in a way that was exhilarating to behold and swore with an effortless elegance. She will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Greg Dull; her mother, Betty Daday; her brother, Steve Daday; four sisters: Janet Linburg, Kathy Sisk, Deborah Bush and Jean Macdonald; her significant other's daughter, Samantha Harvey; and leader dogs, Freedom, Sammy and Lizzie.

She is survived by her father, George Daday Sr.; brothers, George Daday Jr. and Bob Daday; sister, Georgia Bonebright; her child, Jo Dull; her significant other, Stephen Harvey (and his children, Allison, Joel and Vanessa and three grandchildren); and her leader dog, Wilson.

A celebration of Arlene's life will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at The Rose Center, 301 Wayne St., St. Joseph.

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Bluetooth stickers on your clothing?

Startup Wiliot gets $20M for tracking tech

By BRITTANY MEILING
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Giants in technology and consumer products are funneling more cash into a small tech startup in San Diego that's developing tiny bluetooth stickers that can transform everyday items – like clothing, wallets or Amazon packages – to trackable "connected" devices.

The startup, called Wiliot, just raised $20 million from PepsiCo and Verizon's venture capital arm, among several other investors.

Last year, the company attracted the attention of tech giants Amazon and Samsung, which also have backed Wiliot.

With the new cash, the startup's executives say they're ramping up to mass-produce their tiny bluetooth stickers, and they have customers lining up at the door. The company already has orders for hundreds of thousands of units.

Co-headquartered in San Diego and Israel, Wiliot was founded by three former top executives at Wilocity, a chipmaker that was acquired by Qualcomm for $300 million in 2014. That industry connection transferred to the new startup, with Qualcomm Ventures jumping on board as an early investor of Wiliot.

Since its inception in 2017, the startup has been designing a bluetooth chip that would be small enough to stick on anything – and cheap enough to treat as a disposable product.

Their chip is the size of a postage stamp. It has no batteries, powered instead by leftover radio signals cascading through the air.

"If you analyze the airwaves around you, we're surrounded by radio waves," said Steve Statler, Wiliot's senior vice president of marketing and business development, in an interview last year. "We're recycling the radio signals wasted from Wi-Fi, bluetooth and cellular signals."

The Wiliot chip can measure temperature, location and air pressure, then transmit that data back to the cloud.

Today, Wiliot has its product working in 20 pilot programs with "world-leading brands," although they declined to disclose who is testing them out.

In theory, there are tons of applications for a cheap, disposable bluetooth sticker. Companies could tag anything that's not an electronic device, expanding the universe of what's "connected."

This is especially interesting to companies thinking about logistics and inventory. For example, a restaurant bar could stick the sensors on bottles of liquor, automatically sensing when a whiskey bottle is running low and needs to be re-ordered. Drugmakers could do the same for pill bottles.

Stickers could be embedded with brand information, authenticating that products aren't knock-offs.

"We have come a long way in the last year" said Tal Tamir, CEO of Wiliot. "Twelve months ago, conditions had to be perfect for the very first tags to work. Now we demonstrate Wiliot tags on bottles of wine, boxes of pizza and on envelopes."

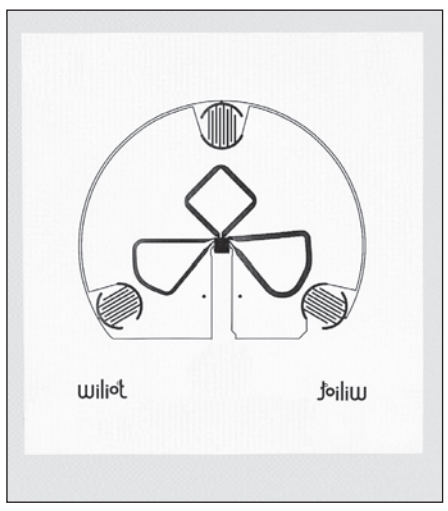

Photo provided / Wiliot / TNS
Wiliot's bluetooth sticker is shown.

Statler said Wiliot is bringing on an additional 10 pilot programs with clients, bringing the total up to 30. The startup is working with large, high-end fashion companies, parcel delivery companies and telecommunications companies, among other clients.

A more creative application is being considered by Wiliot's fashion client, which can imagine these tags embedded into articles of clothing. If the consumer opts-in to data collection, the fashion company could determine which items are a hit with shoppers, even after they leave the store.

"Our tags will know when those

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Photo provided
Brian, Jerry, Dave and Joe Morin stand outside Sister Lakes Brewing Co. The brewery is expanding this year with the addition of a wedding venue.

Saying 'I do' to an expansion

Sister Lakes Brewing Co. adding wedding venue

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

DOWAGIAC — Sister Lakes Brewing Co. wants newlyweds to get toasted at the Southwest Michigan brewery.

Dave and Joe Morin, co-owners of Sister Lakes Brewing Co., have begun building a previously unused portion of their brewery for a banquet, wedding and event space.

Having been in business for four years, Joe said they've been repeatedly asked whether they would be willing to rent out the brewery for private events.

"We've been reluctant to do that because the last thing we want is for other people to travel here to have the doors locked for a private event," Joe said.

The portion of the brewery that's been in use is about 4,800 square feet. The event space is an estimated 3,200 square feet, bringing the brewery's total space to about 8,000 square feet.

"Being more mature as a business, we felt it was going to fill a need within the community that's been requested of us," Joe said. "Based on the demand, it became pretty clear that there was a need for this."

Dave said their initial plan was to leave that extra space empty to see if they could develop a use for that space someday.

"When we first started, we were working on a very limited budget," Dave said. "We wanted to draw business organically. We hoped someday we would have a following and use this space later on."

The taproom seats 80 people, while its beer garden seats another 80. The new venue, Joe said, is expected to hold a capacity of 90 guests.

Dave said the new venue will connect to the beer garden.

"When it comes to the decor and layout, we're doing that on our own," Dave said. "We want it to reflect our image, our brand and space."

Joe said he was hesitant to give a specific date on their official opening. However, their goal is to be open this spring.

"In general, there's a lot of benchmark research that goes into something like this," Joe said. "We looked at breweries, wineries and other restaurants to be competitive in what we could offer."

Anyone who has questions can email joe@sisterlakesbrewing.com to inquire about dates of availabilities.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

Competitive Edge employees earn certification

STEVENSVILLE — Sarah Hadley and Teresa Dente, of CE Competitive Edge, earned the certification of certified advertising specialist administered by Promotional Products Association International.

HADLEY

DENTE

Hadley is an account executive at Competitive Edge and has been with the company for 16 years.

Dente is and account executive at Competitive Edge and has been with the company for seven years.

United names director of secondary sales

ST. JOSEPH — United Federal Credit Union has named Daniel Dame as director of secondary sales at its corporate headquarters in St. Joseph.

In his role, Dame will be responsible for developing a sales strategy to include all aspects of mortgage pipeline management and efficient use of credit union resources.

DAME

Dame has more than eight years of experience in the financial services industry, most recently serving as a secondary marketing analyst at Lake Michigan Credit Union in Grand Rapids.

Dame holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Davenport University, and is working to complete his MBA.

Ganus named as UFCU senior VP of marketing

ST. JOSEPH — United Federal Credit Union has named Kaylee Ganus as its senior vice president of marketing.

Ganus will promote the corporate image throughout United's six-state footprint by providing leadership in marketing, advertising, public relations, community relations and product management.

GANUS

She was previously vice president of marketing at Honor Credit Union in Berrien Springs, where she led marketing and communication efforts.

Originally from Indiana, Ganus received her bachelor's degree in business and master's degree in strategic communication from Purdue University.

Items for Business People can be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 429-4398 or mailed to The Herald-Palladium, attention: Business, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Chamber meeting welcomes businesses

HARTFORD — The Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual banquet at 6 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Van Buren Sportsman's Club.

The Van Buren Sportman's Club is at 54030 County Road in Hartford. The cost of the dinner is $10 per person. Bring the ticket gives attendees $5 off their 2020 membership.

2 SWMI hotels given high designation

GRAND RAPIDS — AAA of Michigan announced its 2020 award-winning hotels and restaurants that earned the Four Diamond Designation during the past 12 months. Awards were presented at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids during the AAA Four Diamond Awards luncheon at the Pure Michigan's Governors Conference on Tourism.

Among the winners were two hotels in Southwest Michigan: The Four Winds Casino Hotel in New Buffalo and The Inn at Harbor Shores in St. Joseph.

Wightman named Esri Silver Business Partner

BENTON HARBOR — Wightman was named a Silver Business Partner of Esri, the developer of a mapping and analytics software used in commercial, government, manufacturing and utilities industries.

The partnership allows Wightman to access technology in GIS with the ability to develop solutions across multiple disciplines.

Wightman is one of 20 Esri Silver Business Partners located in Michigan.

Driving small business success with leadership

You may be familiar with Gallup's international bestseller, "Strengthfinder 2.0," which has been helping professionals not only identify their strengths in the workplace but also how to further develop them.

Not surprising, Gallup scientists have also been studying leadership and how a strengths-based approach to management can fuel the success of businesses.

"The data shows that organizations that work from a strength of their people are more profitable, productive, and have a higher level of employee engagement," explains SCORE Mentor Jan Makela, who recently completed a Gallup Strengths coaching course.

How might you approach managing your small business with a strengths-based approach?

SCORE™

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

Here are five simple, practical tips from Makela to get you started:

■ Know your own top five dominate strengths (i.e., the themes that are your natural strengths).

Focus on growing and getting better at what you already do well.

■ Don't focus on what are not your strengths.

But learn how to minimize your weaknesses by using your strengths to overcome areas that are not naturally strengths for you.

■ Realize your talents give you a unique and powerful edge.

The wonderful thing about talents is that they hold great potential for us. It is through our talents that we tap into our greatest potential for success.

■ Learn to recognize the formula for a strength:

Skill + knowledge + experience (also known as Talent Xs) = strength

■ Don't try to fix your own weaknesses – or those of others. It can't be done. Prove it to yourself:

Rewrite this sentence three times with your non-dominant hand. How does it look, and how easy was it to do? Compare it to your dominant hand. See the difference? Focus and grow your strengths.

Transitioning your leadership style to one that recognizes and nurtures strengths may require a shift in thinking and some extra work in the beginning. But the more you practice it and see positive results, the more natural a part of your company's culture it will become.

"You grow people from their strengths not from their weaknesses," says Makela, "So find out what your employees' strengths are and what they do best. Given the opportunity to excel, they will exceed your expectations."

How to Marie Kondo your financial files

Michelle Singletary

Japanese organizing guru Marie Kondo has inspired a lot of people to be merciless about getting rid of stuff.

If you're a convert to her decluttering philosophy you know Kondo says that what stays needs to "spark joy."

But keeping your favorite old pair of jeans is just not the same as deciding what financial documents can be sent to the shredder.

So, look at tidying up your financial files a different way. Think about getting organized not for yourself but for the person who has to help find your paperwork should you become incapacitated or die.

I know. No joy in that last statement.

But I've been a part of (or have witnessed) many efforts to help settle estates, and often it's an exasperating process. People are grieving, and yet they've got to hunt through the mountains of accumulated papers to piece together a person's financial life. Is this a mess you want to leave behind?

Perhaps you have a will. But have you maintained a straightforward filing system that would allow folks to find what they need to execute your wishes?

Would they know where you bank? Could they easily put their hands on your insurance documents to learn whether there is enough money to fund your funeral and burial?

Where is your birth certificate? Did you serve in the military? Where is your discharge paperwork?

By decluttering and creating a filing system, you might even find some money. I did. I'm in the process of tidying up my office – again – and I've unearthed about $50 in cash and gift cards from a previous birthday.

After recently helping someone sort through his mother's files just after she died, I've renewed my commitment to purge unneeded paperwork. I've got a lovely home office, but stepping over piles of paper is stressing me out.

As I was organizing and boxing up the many personal finance books I receive, I came across a new edition of "Homefile: Financial Planning Organizer," by certified financial planners J. Michael Martin and his wife Mary Martin, who passed away in 2007. I first reviewed their filing system 15 years ago.

The Martins' adult children (Sean and Kevin) have worked on keeping the Homefile organizer going in their mother's honor. I'm recommending the latest version for the Color of Money Book Club for this month. It's available only at homefile.net.

Of course, you can keep digital copies of your records, but you often still need originals of certain documents. When my mother passed away, we needed several original copies of her death certificate.

Included in the Martins' simple system is a 48-page handbook with instructions on organizing your files. You also get hard stock cards separated into 22 categories that you drop into a hanging folder (not included).

Here's what I like about this particular system. The cards tell you exactly what to put into each folder so that you don't have to guess what goes where. There's also a section on each card that points out where similar documents should be filed.

For example, the tax card instructs you to include your federal and state tax returns and supporting documents. But your W-2 forms are placed in the employment folder. Each card also has a section with instructions of when to remove what you've filed.

How long should you keep your tax return?

There's a note for that. Tax professionals generally recommend that you keep records for at least seven years.

The cards also include helpful reminders such as to not keep your original will in a safe deposit box, which can be inaccessible upon your death. If the original is locked up, your heirs may need to go to court – at a cost – to get access to it. You should instead file it with your local jurisdiction's Registrar of Wills or give it to your attorney or the person you've designated to be the personal representative for your estate.

Homefile helps you set up an archive system. Yes, some documents need to be kept indefinitely. But clear out the fat folder with insurance policies for cars you don't even own anymore.

If you need a push to organizer here's one – tax season. It's a great time to tackle this task, because you've got all your paperwork out already.

I am hosting an online discussion about the "Homefile" system at noon Eastern time on Feb. 27 at washingtonpost.com/discussions. Sean Martin, a graphic designer, will join me as a guest. Let's talk about how organizing your paperwork can bring your whole family peace of mind and, yes, spark some joy.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary).

Ask the Fool

Ticker Symbols

Q Can you explain stocks' ticker symbols? — *P.D., Santa Rosa, California*

A A ticker symbol is a unique identifier for a company's stock. On the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), tickers generally used to have three or fewer letters, while stocks trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market usually had four or five letters. That made it easy to see where companies such as Nike (NYSE: NKE), Visa (NYSE: V), Home Depot (NYSE: HD), Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL), Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) and Amazon.com (Nasdaq: AMZN) were traded.

Today, though, NYSE stocks frequently sport four letters, while Nasdaq stocks might have three or fewer. Examples include Levi Strauss (NYSE: LEVI), Charles Schwab (NYSE: SCHW), Facebook (Nasdaq: FB), Hasbro (Nasdaq: HAS) and PepsiCo (Nasdaq: PEP).

Companies with several classes of shares often have multiple ticker symbols, and some tickers have meaningful suffixes attached. An F or a Y following a Nasdaq ticker, for example, indicates a foreign company. Other exchanges may use a Q to indicate that a company is in bankruptcy. Mutual fund tickers are four letters plus an X.

To find a company's ticker symbol online, visit a website such as **Fool.com** and type the company name in the search box. Newspaper stock listings also usually include ticker symbols.

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Q What's a "closing tick"? — *M.B., Kansas City, Missouri*

A It reflects the overall market sentiment at the end of the trading day. An "uptick" means a stock's last trade occurred at a price higher than the previous one, and a "downtick" is the opposite.

The closing tick is the difference between the number of stocks that closed on an uptick and the number that closed on a downtick. It's not very useful for us long-term investors, and you needn't pay it much attention.

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Dividend Basics

Conventional wisdom used to suggest that dividends and the stocks that paid them were for retirees. Not so — they can serve all investors well, even young ones.

Indeed, researchers Eugene Fama and Kenneth French studied market data from 1927 to 2014 and found that dividend payers outperformed nonpayers, averaging 10.4% annual growth versus 8.5%. That may not seem like a huge difference, but if you invest a single $10,000 sum for 25 years, it will grow to $76,868 at 8.5% annually and $118,639 at 10.4% annually — a big difference.

Better still, dividend-paying stocks tend to lose less value during market downturns. Here are some things to know about dividend investing:

• Don't assume that the highest dividend yields you can find are always the best bets. Some extremely high yields indicate companies in trouble — because when a stock price falls, its dividend yield rises — while others are merely due to a healthy company having a lot of excess cash.

• Favor dividends that are growing at a good clip. Growing companies tend to increase their payouts over time, and a 2% dividend yield from a dividend that's been growing by around 10% annually can be a better buy than, say, a 3.5% yield that's been unchanged for years.

• Assess the payout ratio, which is the amount of the annual dividend payments divided by earnings per share over the year. It tells you how much of earnings is being paid out in dividends. A high number, such as 90% or more, means there isn't much room for growth; it might even mean the dividend isn't sustainable and might be reduced.

• Look a company's big picture beyond the dividend, too. Favor high-quality businesses with little debt, ample cash and growing sales, earnings and profit margins.

It's also promising if a company has been paying an uninterrupted dividend for many years. McDonald's has been paying dividends since 1976, Coca-Cola began in 1920 and York Water hasn't missed a dividend payment in over 200 years!

My Dumbest Investment

Didn't Invest

My dumbest investment over the past decade is not having invested at all. I just let time go by without learning or gaining anything. — *Eric, online*

The Fool Responds: That's definitely regrettable, but you're not alone. A Gallup poll last year found that only about 55% of Americans are invested in stocks.

Each year that you put off investing will cost you: Imagine, for example, that you are 40 and hope to retire in 25 years, at age 65. If you invest, say, $6,000 annually and earn an average annual return of 8%, you'll end up with about $473,726. If you start a year later, investing $6,000 less, in total, and only having your money grow for 24 years, you'll end up with $432,636 — about $41,000 less! That money would make a big difference in retirement; along with Social Security, it might help support you for two whole years.

Fortunately, all is not lost. You can start saving and investing right away. A simple, low-fee, broad-market index fund, such as one that tracks the S&P 500, is a great way to start. Over time, increase the amounts you invest by as much as you can afford. Be sure to only invest money you won't need for at least five to 10 years in stocks, as the stock market is volatile. An introductory book on investing can help, too — try one by John Bogle or Peter Lynch.

The Motley Fool Take

Healthy Profits

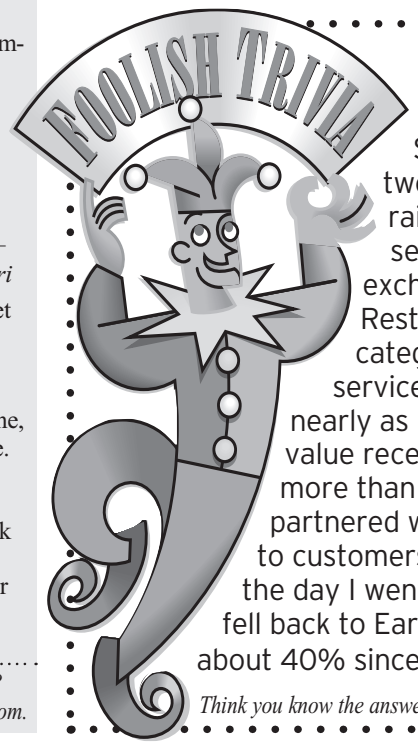
Guardant Health (Nasdaq: GH) gained 108% last year, enough to land a spot among the top health care stocks of 2019. Its success stemmed from rapidly growing sales of Guardant360 and GuardantOMNI — liquid biopsies that can detect cancer by identifying DNA fragments from tumor cells in the blood. In many cases, a diagnosis of cancer requires a tissue biopsy, which usually involves a surgical procedure. Liquid biopsies are easier, safer and cheaper.

Guardant Health's addressable market for Guardant360 alone is around $6 billion in the U.S. — but its Lunar liquid biopsies, which currently are available for research use only, could open the door to an addressable market topping $45 billion annually. One focuses on cancer recurrence monitoring, the other on early detection.

As of this writing, the company is awaiting a decision that will allow expanded nationwide Medicare coverage for Guardant360 for the majority of solid tumors. That could set the stage for private insurers to approve coverage for the liquid biopsy as a pan-cancer test.

Meanwhile, Guardant also awaits approval by the Food and Drug Administration of Guardant360, which could lead to standardized reimbursement for the liquid biopsy for all Medicare beneficiaries.

Long-term investors should consider Guardant Health for their portfolios. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Guardant Health.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to San Francisco in 2004, when two former PayPal employees raised $1 million to start a service where friends could exchange reviews of businesses. Restaurants are my biggest category, but "home and local services" and shopping are each nearly as big. Today, with a market value recently topping $2 billion, I sport more than 200 million reviews and have partnered with GrubHub to deliver food to customers. My shares soared 64% on the day I went public in 2012, but then they fell back to Earth. They were recently up about 40% since their debut. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1850, when I was launched as a freight forwarding company. By the end of the Civil War, I boasted about 900 offices in 10 states. I debuted money orders in 1882 and travelers' checks in 1891, and in 1958 I gave my customers another way to pay for things – a charge card. Today, with more than 110 million cards in circulation, I'm a top global payments network, with a market value recently near $107 billion and more than $43 billion in annual revenue (net of interest expenses). Who am I? (Answer: American Express)

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Beware of these overhyped financial strategies

Liz Weston

A good rule of thumb when you're trying to eat healthy is to beware of any food you see advertised. The most beneficial fare – whole grains, fruits, vegetables – tends not to have a marketing budget.

Similarly, investments that are enthusiastically pushed by commission-earning salespeople may not be the best for your financial health. Before you buy any of the following, you'd be smart to investigate lower-cost alternatives and to consult an objective, knowledgeable third party, such as a fee-only financial planner.

Equity-indexed annuities

Equity-indexed annuities are insurance products that base their returns on stock market benchmarks. They're often promoted as a way to benefit from stock market gains while being protected from losses.

But the contracts typically limit how much investors get when the stock market rises, says certified financial planner Anthony Jones of Groveport, Ohio. Two clients, who had purchased equity-indexed annuities before joining his firm, received only a fraction of last year's 30 percent increase (as measured by the Standard & Poor's 500 benchmark).

"They expected bigger returns in 2019 and were very disappointed," Jones says. "They each had less than a 3 percent return."

Equity-indexed annuities typically come with high commissions and surrender charges that can make it expensive to get your money out, says CFP Scott A. Bishop of Houston. The contracts can be extremely complex, and many buyers don't understand what they're getting, he says.

"They are not necessarily bad products, but they are really more like bond alternatives than stock alternatives," Bishop says.

Reverse mortgages

Reverse mortgages allow homeowners 62 and older to convert some of their home equity into a lump sum, a series of monthly checks or a line of credit. Borrowers don't have to make payments on the loan, which doesn't have to be paid back until they die, sell or move.

But borrowers don't always realize that their debt is accruing monthly interest. The amount they owe may grow so high they no longer have any equity in their homes, says Barbara Jones, an attorney with the AARP Foundation.

Reverse mortgages typically aren't a good fit for people who may need to rely on their equity for future expenses, such as medical bills or nursing home care. Reverse mortgages could be a way to avoid foreclosure if a homeowner can't afford to make payments on a regular mortgage, Jones says. There may be no equity left for their heirs, "but at least the person gets to age in place," Jones says.

Investment trusts

Real estate investment trusts allow people to invest in commercial real estate without having to buy and manage the properties themselves. Most REITs are publicly traded so it's easy to buy and sell them.

Non-traded REITs also invest in real estate but are designed to reduce or eliminate taxes. The trade-off is that your money could be locked up for years. Also, non-traded REITS tend to have high upfront fees that reduce the return on your investment.

"Non-traded REITs make my heart sink when I see them in a new client's portfolio," says CFP Jonathan P. Bednar of Knoxville, Tennessee. "These are very complex products, with high fees, and oftentimes not the greatest-quality underlying holding."

Bednar prefers that clients own investments they can easily sell if needed, such as an exchange-traded fund that invests in real estate.

Cash-value life insurance

Cash-value life insurance combines a death benefit with an investment component. (Whole life, universal life and variable life policies are all types of cash-value life insurance.) Sometimes the policies are promoted as a tax-efficient way to invest for high earners who have maxed out their other retirement savings options, says CFP Alex Caswell of San Francisco.

But the premiums aren't deductible, and the policies tend to have high costs, Caswell says. Many investors have better alternatives, such as using a tax-efficient investment strategy in a regular brokerage account, he says.

Also, premiums for cash-value policies tend to be much higher than premiums for the same amount of term insurance, which has a death benefit but no investment component. The higher premiums can lead buyers to skimp on coverage or to drop the policy because it's too expensive. And sometimes policies are sold to people who don't need life insurance at all, such as single people with no financial dependents, says CFP Tess Zigo of Lisle, Illinois.

Zigo says the higher commissions paid by cash-value policies can lead insurance agents to recommend them even when there are better alternatives.

"If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail," Zigo says.

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Money&Markets Extra

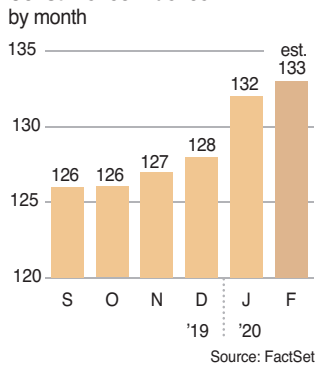
The Week Ahead

Eye on consumers

The Conference Board issues its latest index of consumer confidence on Tuesday.

Economists expect this month's index will show a reading of 132.5. That would be the highest reading since August. Continued strength in the job market and low unemployment has helped keep the index elevated. A reading of 90 or better reflects a healthy economy.

Consumer confidence
by month



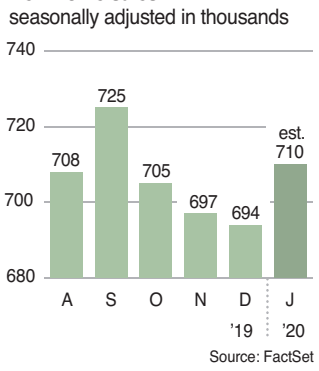
Source: FactSet

Home sweet home

Lower mortgage rates helped boost sales of new homes in 2019 after a weak start to the year.

All told, sales of newly built U.S. homes climbed 10.3% last year to 681,000. That's the highest total since 2007, when the housing bubble was beginning to deflate ahead of the Great Recession. Did the trend continue this year? Find out Wednesday, when the Commerce Department serves up its January tally of new home sales.

New home sales
seasonally adjusted in thousands



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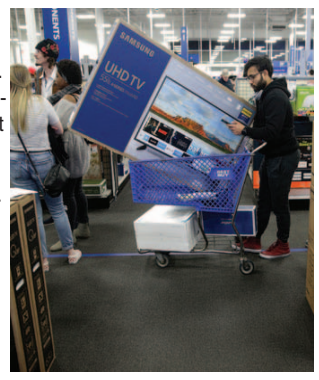
Strong finish?

Wall Street expects that Best Buy closed out its last fiscal year with another solid quarter.

Analysts predict the consumer electronics retailer will report Thursday that its fiscal fourth-quarter earnings and revenue increased from a year earlier. That would echo the company's results in the previous three quarters. Investors will be listening for an update on Best Buy's profit expectations for the current quarter.



Amer Elec Power AEP
$101.71 **-2.05 -2.0%**
▼ **4-wk.** -.4% ▲ **YTD** +7.6%

Ford Motor F
$7.89 **-.21 -2.6%**
▼ **4-wk.** -12.3% ▼ **YTD** -15.2%

Whirlpool WHR
$147.19 **-4.97 -3.3%**
▼ **4-wk.** -1.5% ▼ **YTD** -.2%

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STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	29.67	39.70	**38.55**	**0.30**	0.8	▲	▲	-1.4	32.2	17	5.4
Amer Elec Power	AEP	79.91	104.97	**101.71**	**-2.05**	-2.0	▼	▲	7.6	32.7	26	2.8
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.49	327.85	**313.05**	**-11.90**	-3.7	▼	▲	6.6	91.1	29	1.0
AutoZone Inc	AZO	886.95	1274.41	**1068.03**	**14.82**	1.4	▼	▼	-10.3	16.4	19	...
BP PLC	BP	35.07	45.38	**35.36**	**-0.64**	-1.8	▼	▼	-6.3	-8.6	10	7.0
CMS Engy	CMS	53.41	69.12	**68.45**	**-0.06**	-0.1	▲	▲	8.9	32.7	42	2.4
CocaCola Co	KO	44.42	60.07	**60.13**	**0.18**	0.3	▲	▲	8.6	36.9	37	2.7
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	37.44	47.74	**45.82**	**-0.27**	-0.6	▲	▲	1.9	24.7	22	2.0
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**177.43**	**9.36**	5.6	▲	▲	2.4	6.8	17	1.7
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**138.97**	**-0.57**	-0.4	▼	▼	-3.9	26.0	19	1.3
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	85.37	119.71	**93.89**	**5.21**	5.9	▲	▼	-0.2	-7.1	12	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	59.45	83.49	**59.13**	**-1.52**	-2.5	▼	▼	-15.3	-18.4	14	5.9
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	24.17	31.64	**29.40**	**-0.20**	-0.7	▲	▼	-4.4	11.1	11	3.3
1st Source Corp	SRCE	41.88	53.42	**47.23**	**-0.53**	-1.1	▼	▼	-9.0	2.0	14	2.5
Ford Motor	F	7.99	10.56	**7.89**	**-0.21**	-2.6	▼	▼	-15.2	-2.6	6	7.6
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	13.26	**12.25**	**-0.58**	-4.5	▲	▲	9.8	29.9	...	0.3
Home Depot	HD	179.52	247.12	**245.34**	**0.31**	0.1	▲	▲	12.3	29.5	25	2.2
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	15.21	19.48	**16.97**	**-0.11**	-0.6	▼	▼	-10.1	-0.7	8	2.8
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	12.15	15.63	**13.91**	**-0.17**	-1.2	▲	▼	-7.8	3.5	13	4.3
IDEX Corp	IEX	142.20	178.14	**173.35**	**-1.44**	-0.8	▲	▲	0.8	23.2	38	1.2
IBM	IBM	126.85	158.75	**149.84**	**-0.86**	-0.6	▲	▲	11.8	13.4	15	4.3
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**135.81**	**-1.65**	-1.2	▲	▲	-2.6	34.0	14	2.4
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	126.10	154.50	**149.93**	**-0.20**	-0.1	▲	▲	2.8	12.5	25	2.5
Lowes Cos	LOW	91.60	126.73	**125.31**	**-0.11**	-0.1	▲	▲	4.6	19.5	28	1.8
McDonalds Corp	MCD	178.27	221.93	**215.87**	**-1.22**	-0.6	▲	▲	9.2	22.9	33	2.3
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	106.29	190.70	**178.59**	**-6.25**	-3.4	▲	▲	13.2	75.4	35	1.1
Miller Herman	MLHR	33.94	49.88	**40.19**	**-0.22**	-0.5	▼	▼	-3.5	10.9	17	2.1
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**.72**	**0.00**	0.6	▼	▼	-36.2	-46.4	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	60.98	**59.86**	**2.15**	3.7	▲	▲	15.9	21.1	29	1.5
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.97	44.56	**35.72**	**-0.79**	-2.2	▼	▼	-8.8	-11.5	14	4.3
Procter & Gamble	PG	97.75	128.09	**126.70**	**0.56**	0.4	▲	▲	1.4	28.4	29	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	76.13	100.91	**99.43**	**-1.00**	-1.0	▲	▲	10.9	31.5	45	1.6
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**18.81**	**-0.23**	-1.2	▼	▲	-8.1	11.0	16	3.1
Stryker Corp	SYK	174.84	226.30	**224.30**	**2.76**	1.2	▲	▲	6.8	22.1	38	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	35.96	47.71	**42.24**	**-1.09**	-2.5	▼	▲	-9.7	-5.3	12	3.3
Target Corp	TGT	70.03	130.24	**117.01**	**1.04**	0.9	▲	▼	-8.7	63.7	19	2.3
Tractor Supply	TSCO	88.02	114.25	**99.78**	**1.96**	2.0	▲	▲	6.8	3.0	27	1.4
UPS class B	UPS	92.65	125.31	**102.94**	**-3.01**	-2.8	▼	▼	-12.1	-0.2	17	3.9
Verizon Comm	VZ	54.26	62.22	**58.20**	**-0.31**	-0.5	▼	▼	-5.2	9.4	15	4.2
WEC Energy Group	WEC	74.89	103.25	**102.50**	**0.63**	0.6	▲	▲	11.1	39.9	33	2.5
WalMart Strs	WMT	96.53	125.38	**118.58**	**0.69**	0.6	▲	▼	-0.2	17.2	68	1.8
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	49.03	74.95	**51.45**	**-0.94**	-1.8	▼	▼	-12.7	-27.6	9	3.6
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	23.62	**23.94**	**1.03**	4.5	▲	▲	7.8	32.6	26	2.0
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**147.19**	**-4.97**	-3.3	▼	▲	-0.2	7.4	...	3.3
Worthington Inds	WOR	33.18	44.69	**36.82**	**-0.95**	-2.5	▼	▼	-12.7	2.2	14	2.6
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	45.73	100.18	**98.51**	**3.31**	3.5	▲	▲	23.6	78.4	39	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

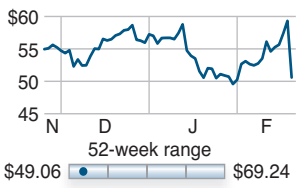
StoryStocks

Stocks fell and government bond yields hit record lows Friday amid signs that economic fallout from the viral outbreak that originated in China is hurting U.S. companies. Technology stocks led the selling. Retailers, travel-related companies, banks and communication services stocks also took heavy losses. Preliminary data suggest U.S. business activity pulled back in February, the first month of contraction since 2013.

Deere & Co. DE
Close: **$177.43 ▲11.60 or 7.0%**
The farming machinery maker handily beat Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit and sales forecasts.

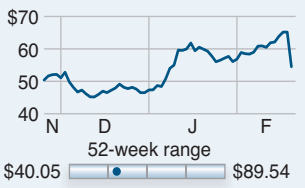
$132.68 $181.99
Vol.: **5.9m (3.7x avg.)** PE: **17.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$55.9 b** Yield: **1.7%**

First Solar FSLR
Close: **$50.59 ▼-8.73 or -14.7%**
The largest U.S. solar panel maker's fourth-quarter profit and sales fell short of Wall Street forecasts.



$49.06 $69.24
Vol.: **9.7m (7.2x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$5.3 b** Yield: **...**

Zscaler ZS
Close: **$54.51 ▼-10.67 or -16.4%**
The cybersecurity company gave investors a weak profit forecast for its fiscal third quarter.

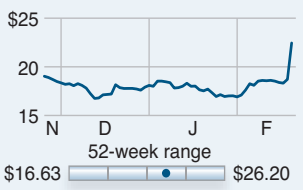


$40.05 $89.54
Vol.: **13.2m (5.8x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$7.0 b** Yield: **...**

Universal Display OLED
Close: **$174.37 ▼-4.40 or -2.5%**
The organic light-emitting diode technology company gave investors a disappointing revenue forecast for the year.

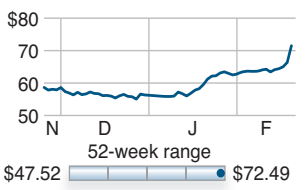
$129.10 $230.32
Vol.: **2.9m (5.8x avg.)** PE: **59.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$8.2 b** Yield: **0.2%**
SOURCE: Sungard

Dropbox DBX
Close: **$22.45 ▲3.74 or 20.0%**
The online file-sharing company's fourth-quarter profit and revenue beat analysts' forecasts.



$16.63 $26.20
Vol.: **48.2m (11.2x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$5.7 b** Yield: **...**

Texas Roadhouse TXRH
Close: **$71.52 ▲5.17 or 7.8%**
The restaurant chain raised its dividend after beating Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit forecasts.



$47.52 $72.49
Vol.: **3.0m (3.8x avg.)** PE: **29.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$5.0 b** Yield: **1.7%**
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CompanySpotlight Growing profits

Sprouts Farmers Market's shares surged Friday for one of the biggest gains in company history after the natural food store chain handily beat Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit and revenue forecasts.

Sprouts also gave investors a surprisingly strong 2020 forecast.

The Phoenix-based chain rang up more customers at its 340 stores across 22 states during the quarter, beating analysts' forecasts for a key sales measure.

Friday's surge erased the bulk of the stock's losses so far this year.

Sprouts CEO Jack Loudon Sinclair said he expects the company to open new stores faster than its typical rate of 30 per year and it will enter new markets. Sinclair also wants to improve Sprouts' supply chain, which he said has been disjointed as it grows.

Sprouts Farmers Market (SFM) Friday's close: **$17.99, +1.94**

52-WEEK RANGE
$15 $25

Price-earnings ratio: **14**
(Based on past 12-month results)

Price change	1-yr	3-yr*	5-yr*
SFM	-22.8%	-2.4	-13.7

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.78	+.04	+6.0
GlbBdAdv	8.66	+.03	+8.1
LgCpGrAdv	66.65	-.71	+25.8
AMG			
Yacktmanl	20.46	-.35	+10.3
Akre			
FocInstl d	49.67	-.37	+30.4
FocRetail m	48.41	-.36	+30.0
American Century			
EqIncI	9.16	-.09	+14.6
EqIncInv	9.14	-.10	+14.3
GrInv	37.97	-1.39	+29.2
UltraInv	56.83	-.62	+30.2
American Funds			
AMCpA m	34.88	-.42	+19.1
AmrcnBalA m	29.21	-.14	+14.9
AmrcnHiInA m	10.13	-.01	+7.2
AmrcnMutA m	44.19	-.29	+15.2
BdfAmrcA m	13.35	+.06	+9.4
CptWldGrInA m	52.61	-.68	+15.4
CptlIncBldrA m	63.78	-.28	+11.8
CptlWldBdA m	20.40	+.01	+7.1
EuroPacGrA m	55.15	-.69	+14.3
FdmtlInvsA m	63.77	-.73	+18.8
GlbBalA m	34.57	-.23	+11.4
GrfAmrcA m	54.27	-.58	+22.4
HiInclMuniBdA m	16.77	+.09	+10.4
IncAmrcA m	23.46	-.09	+13.1
IntlGrInc A m	35.51	-.41	+14.3
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.57	+.03	+5.2
InvCAmrcA m	40.29	-.53	+17.3
NewWldA m	70.72	-.91	+16.0
NwPrspctvA m	49.25	-.55	+22.3
SmCpWldA m	60.47	-.67	+19.3
TheNewEcoA m	47.93	-.66	+18.4
TxExBdA m	13.59	+.08	+8.5
WAMtInvsA m	48.96	-.63	+17.0
Angel Oak			
MltStratInclns	11.08	+.01	+5.3
Artisan			
IntlInstl	33.90	-.40	+22.0
IntlValueInstl	36.55	-.70	+11.7
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.48	+.07	+10.9
CorPlusBdInstl	11.83	+.06	+11.2
IntermBdInstl	11.45	+.04	+7.9
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.83	+.02	+4.8
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	14.81	-.22	+9.6
GrInstl	94.35	-.51	+32.4
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	20.79	-.22	+15.8
EqDivInvA m	20.71	-.22	+15.5
GlbAllcInclnstl	19.71	-.15	+12.9
GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.58	-.15	+12.5
HYBdInstl	7.80	-.01	+10.4
HYBdK	7.81	-.01	+10.3
LowDurBdInstl	9.68	+.01	+4.4
NtnlMnInstl	11.35	+.05	+8.7
StrIncOpIns	10.09	...	+7.8
StratMuOpIns	11.96	+.05	+7.2
TtlRetInstl	12.19	+.06	+10.6
Calamos			
MktNetrlInclns	13.42	-.02	+5.0
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	14.98	-.31	+4.2
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	180.72	-1.31	+14.7
ApprecA m	26.85	-.35	+22.1
LgCpGrl	57.76	-.64	+24.7
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl	14.62	-.01	+15.5
RlEsttSecInclns	18.96	-.04	+25.5
Columbia			
DivIncInv	24.94	-.26	+18.9
SlgCmsInfoA m	83.22	-2.49	+34.9
DFA			
EMktCorEql	20.88	-.50	+3.3
EMktSCInstl	20.14	-.34	+3.0
EmMktsInstl	28.02	-.69	+3.7
EmMktsValInstl	26.82	-.56	-3.9
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.79	+.01	+3.7
GlbAllc6040Ins	19.05	-.12	+10.5
GlbEqInstl	24.95	-.29	+13.5
GlbRlEsttSec	12.37	-.05	+19.5
InflProtSecIns	12.34	+.06	+9.3
IntlCorEqIns	13.44	-.17	+8.0
IntlRlEsttScIns	5.00	-.06	+14.7
IntlSmCoInstl	18.26	-.27	+9.3
IntlSmCpValIns	18.39	-.23	+5.0
IntlValInstl	16.87	-.26	+1.3
ItmGovtFIIns	13.18	+.10	+10.0
LgCpIntlInstl	23.27	-.28	+9.7
OneYearFIInstl	10.32	+.01	+2.3
RlEsttSecInstl	44.01	+.01	+22.2
ShTrmExQtyl	10.86	...	+4.1
TAUSCorEq2Instl	20.47	-.23	+16.0
TMdUSEq	35.90	-.42	+21.2
TMdUSMktwdVl	32.01	-.36	+11.2
TMdUSTrgtedVal	34.34	-.25	+1.5
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.94	...	+2.8
USCorEq1Instl	26.42	-.29	+17.5
USCorEqIIInstl	24.01	-.26	+15.7
USLgCo	25.67	-.31	+22.6
USLgCpValInstl	38.45	-.12	+10.9
USMicroCpInstl	21.01	-.15	+0.5
USSmCpInstl	34.62	-.26	+3.2
USSmCpValInstl	32.87	-.23	-3.8
USTrgtedValIns	22.30	-.15	-0.2
USVectorEqInstl	19.38	-.17	+8.5
Davis			
NYVentureA m	30.27	-.48	+19.2
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	22.15	-.29	+7.8
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	103.14	-.28	+12.8
GlbStk	12.70	-.11	+12.5
Inc	14.33	+.05	+10.2
IntlStk	42.37	-.57	+8.8
Stk	196.16	-1.17	+13.7
DoubleLine			
CorFII	11.29	+.05	+8.5
LowDurBdI	10.06	+.01	+4.3
TtlRetBdI	10.83	+.05	+7.5
TtlRetBdN b	10.82	+.05	+7.2
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCptSMIDCI	38.00	-.36	+20.3
FltngRtInstl	8.84	-.01	+4.4
Edgewood			
GrInstl	41.08	-.76	+28.7
FPA			
Crescent d	34.34	-.28	+10.6
NewInc	10.02	+.02	+4.0
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.93	-.01	+9.2
KaufmannR m	6.44	-.01	+26.0
StratValDivIns	5.74	+.01	+11.1
TtlRetBdInstl	11.27	+.05	+10.2
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	116.04	-1.44	+22.7
AsstMgr20%	13.88	...	+9.6
AsstMgr50%	19.07	-.08	+13.8
AsstMgr70%	23.26	-.16	+15.9
BCGrowth	117.63	-1.19	+30.3
BCGrowth	16.43	-.14	+30.3
BCGrowthK	117.91	-1.19	+30.4
Balanced	25.57	-.16	+19.0
BalancedK	25.58	-.15	+19.1
Cap&Inc	10.36	-.03	+10.9
CmdtyStrat	4.49	+.04	-5.0
Contrafund	14.56	-.16	+24.8
ContrafundK	14.58	-.16	+24.9
CptlApprec	36.18	-.28	+25.5
DivGro	30.69	-.35	+14.5
DiversIntl	40.97	-.44	+21.1
DiversIntlK	40.88	-.44	+21.2
EmergMktsOpps	20.30	-.45	+15.8
EqDividendInc	25.65	-.14	+14.7
EqIncome	61.10	-.49	+16.7
ExMktIdxInPr	67.79	-.20	+14.4
Fidelity	53.94	-.90	+29.2
FltngRtHiInc	9.46	...	+5.0
FourinOneIdx	50.10	-.43	+16.8
Frdm 2015	13.04	-.04	+11.8
Frdm 2020	16.40	-.08	+12.5
Frdm 2025	14.48	-.08	+13.2
Frdm 2030	18.02	-.13	+14.2
Frdm 2035	15.23	-.15	+15.0
Frdm 2040	10.68	-.11	+15.1
Frdm 2045	12.13	-.13	+15.2
GNMA	11.61	+.02	+5.8
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	13.18	-.18	+9.6
GlobalexUSIdx	12.96	-.18	+9.5
GroCo	23.42	-.22	+34.3
GroCo	19.52	-.18	+35.8
GroCoK	23.46	-.22	+34.5
Growth&Inc	42.41	-.46	+17.0
HighIncome	8.95	...	+8.3
IntlDiscv	45.43	-.44	+17.5
IntlGr	17.84	-.26	+25.4
IntlIdxInstlPrm	42.32	-.54	+10.7
IntlVal	9.65	-.17	+8.7
IntrmMuniInc	10.81	+.05	+7.5
InvmGradeBd	11.82	+.06	+11.0
InvmGradeBd	8.36	+.05	+10.8
LowPrStk	48.91	-.57	+11.1
LowPrStkK	48.85	-.58	+11.1
Magellan	10.91	-.18	+26.3
MichiganMuniInc	12.70	+.07	+8.3
MidCapStock	36.71	-.02	+14.8
NasdCmpIdx	120.26	-1.93	+29.5
NewMktsInc	15.38	+.06	+7.6
OTCPortfolio	13.71	-.22	+34.0
OTCPortfolioK	13.94	-.22	+34.2
Overseas	51.95	-.60	+18.0
Puritan	23.76	-.13	+17.9
PuritanK	23.74	-.13	+18.0
RealEstInv	48.11	+.30	+18.2
ShTrmBd	8.74	+.01	+4.3
SmCpOpps	14.17	-.14	+13.6
StkSelorAllCp	49.84	-.47	+22.0
TaxFreeBond	12.20	+.09	+10.3
TotalBond	11.13	+.05	+10.4
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	93.91	-1.02	+21.2
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.17	+.06	+10.2
Value	10.98	-.12	+11.5
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	33.54	-.31	+21.1
NewInsI	34.43	-.30	+21.4
StgInc	12.63	+.02	+8.7
StgInc	12.63	+.01	+8.6
TotalBondI	11.11	+.05	+10.3
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	22.93	+.14	+25.4
HealthCare	29.71	+.07	+22.8
ITServices	82.97	-.89	+33.3
MedTech&Devcs	62.98	-.28	+21.3
Semicon	12.78	-.39	+40.3
Swre&ITSvcs	21.99	-.38	+36.5
Technology	21.78	-.56	+46.4
First Eagle			
GlbA m	57.47	-.10	+8.8
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 m	7.85	+.06	+11.5
DynaTechA m	97.17	-1.94	+29.6
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.24	+.08	+8.6
GlbBdA m	10.50	-.15	-3.5
GlbBdAdv	10.45	-.15	-3.3
GlbBdR6	10.45	-.15	-3.2
Gr,IncA m	22.10	-.28	+2.0
GrA m	118.00	-1.86	+23.6
IncA1 m	2.34	...	+7.6
IncAdv	2.32	...	+7.8
IncC m	2.38	+.01	+7.4
MutGlbDiscvA m	30.09	-.24	+11.0
MutGlbDiscvZ	30.77	-.25	+11.3
MutZ	27.31	-.26	+10.7
RisingDivsA m	71.95	-.65	+20.2
UtlsA1 m	23.83	-.04	+25.7
GE			
RSPUSEq	59.84	-.70	+24.7
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	83.56	-.84	+30.3
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	58.14	-.88	+9.9
IntlEqInstl d	23.69	-.30	+13.4
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	39.01	-.39	+21.2
MidCpI	32.71	-.44	+18.1
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	24.51	-.28	+9.1
CptlAprcA m	58.50	-.99	+28.5
DevMktsA m	45.16	-.66	+10.5
DevMktsY	44.47	-.64	+10.8
DiversDivA m	20.68	-.12	+13.2
EqandIncA m	10.31	-.05	+9.8
GlbA m	96.74	-1.94	+17.5
HYMnA m	8.19	+.08	+16.2
HYMuniA m	10.58	+.09	+12.0
IntlGrY	44.50	-.64	+17.8
MnStrA m	49.94	-.45	+21.8
MnsA m	17.33	+.21	+13.6
Ivy			
SciAndTechA m	74.16	-1.95	+34.1
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.66	+.05	+10.2
CoreBondI	12.13	+.07	+10.4
CoreBondR6	12.15	+.08	+10.6
EqIncI	19.65	-.15	+16.8
HighYieldR6	7.34	+.01	+8.7
LCapGrI	44.83	-.43	+34.5
MCapValL	39.76	-.42	+11.3
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	38.07	-.28	+19.5
EnterpriseT	145.34	-2.06	+21.4
John Hancock			
Bdl	16.46	+.08	+11.2
BdR6	16.49	+.08	+11.3
DiscpValI	20.52	-.17	+9.5
DiscpValMCI	22.45	-.22	+14.2
DiscpValR6	20.56	-.16	+9.7
IntlGrI	30.14	-.37	+17.9
MltMgLsBlA b	14.32	-.09	+12.3
MltmgrLsGr1 b	14.51	-.14	+13.1
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	17.55	-.44	+2.8
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Loomis Sayles			
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GrY	19.32	-.20	+24.8
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	15.74	-.16	+12.6
BdDebA m	8.28	+.02	+11.0
BdDebF b	8.27	+.02	+11.1
FltngRtF b	8.80	-.01	+4.6
ShrtDurIncA m	4.23	+.01	+5.0
ShrtDurIncC m	4.25	...	+4.4
ShrtDurIncF b	4.23	+.01	+5.1
ShrtDurInci	4.22	...	+5.2
MFS			
GrA m	128.53	-2.11	+32.4
Grl	137.45	-2.26	+32.7
InstlIntlEq	27.86	-.20	+17.2
MAInvsGrStkA m	34.12	-.55	+29.1
MAInvsTrustA m	33.72	-.41	+21.9
TtlRetA m	20.29	-.10	+14.0
ValA m	45.03	-.44	+18.0
Vall	45.30	-.45	+18.3
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	129.58	-1.41	+17.2
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrl	24.55	-.17	+19.3
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	11.17	+.06	+10.5
TtlRetBdM b	11.17	+.06	+10.2
TtlRetBdPlan	10.51	+.06	+10.6
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	59.87	-.99	+15.6
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	12.52	-.17	+10.4
StkIdx	38.39	-.48	+22.5
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.64	+.21	+14.7
HYMuniBdI	18.64	+.21	+14.9
IntermDrMnBdI	9.68	+.05	+8.3
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.32	+.03	+5.5
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	29.31	-.17	+8.8
IntlInv	23.81	-.34	+7.7
Inv	80.31	-1.19	+12.3
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	15.62	-.16	+11.4
LgCpStrats	15.38	-.20	+16.8
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.93	-.01	+3.0
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.59	...	+10.8
TtlRetBdA m	14.87	+.11	+11.9
TtlRetBdZ	14.81	+.10	+12.2
PIMCO			
AlAstInstl	11.78	-.05	+6.2
HYInstl	9.06	-.01	+9.5
IBdUSDHI	10.89	+.03	+7.4
IncA m	12.10	-.01	+7.0
IncC m	12.10	-.01	+6.2
Incl2	12.10	-.01	+7.3
IncInstl	12.10	-.01	+7.5
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.23	+.06	+14.8
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.23	+.06	+14.7
LowDrInstl	9.86	...	+4.4
MortgOpps&Bdl	10.90	+.01	+5.2
RlRetInstl	11.50	+.06	+8.9
ShrtTrmIns	9.78	...	+2.7
TtlRetA m	10.58	+.04	+9.0
TtlRetIns	10.58	+.04	+9.4
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	46.50	-.24	+10.5
Gr	41.66	-.18	+11.4
Stk	34.34	-.34	+13.4
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	48.93	-.43	+23.6
Pioneer			
A m	30.38	-.42	+24.7
Principal			
LCpSP500IdxIs	20.35	-.25	+22.5
PrefSecIns	10.61	+.01	+13.9
Putnam			
EqIncA m	26.61	-.25	+17.6
GrOppsA m	42.50	-.70	+32.4
SustLeadersA m	98.81	-1.61	+26.0
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RECIPES FOR SALE
Online meal kit company Blue Apron could hand off its recipe book to a new owner after struggling under years of tough competition. The company pioneered the meal-kit craze in the U.S., but online rivals and big grocery stores have been crowding the market for ready-to-cook kits. The company has seen its valuation dwindle since it went public in 2017. It was valued at nearly $2 billion after its initial public offering, but on Wednesday, when the company announced its potential sale, it was valued at only $58 million.

MOLDING A NEW IMAGE
Burger King's whopper of a new advertising campaign reveals the fast-food chain's signature burger covered in mold as part of an image revamp. The company is removing artificial preservatives from its Whopper as consumer tastes shift to healthier food options. Fast-food restaurants have been criticized for their preservative-filled and seemingly indestructible burgers and sides. Burger King also said it has removed artificial colors and flavors from all of its sandwiches and sides in the U.S. and some European markets. McDonald's announced in 2018 that it was removing artificial colors, flavors and preservatives from some of its burgers.

SEEKING SPACE SELFIES
SpaceX wants to send four people into orbit as part of the latest push by private companies to send tourists where few have gone before. The company, owned by Tesla founder Elon Musk, is working with Space Adventures Inc. for the flight. Ticket prices haven't been disclosed but are expected to be in the millions of dollars. Space Adventures already has helped put tourists into orbit with trips to the International Space Station, working with the Russian space program. For this trip, paying customers will skip the space station and instead orbit two to three times higher, or roughly 500 miles to 750 miles (800 kilometers to 1,200 kilometers) above Earth.

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Quotable

"The window of opportunity is still there. But our window of opportunity is narrowing."

— World Health Organization Director-General **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**. The WHO warned that virus clusters not directly linked to travel from China suggest that time may be running out to contain the outbreak.

Virus pulls plug on tech show

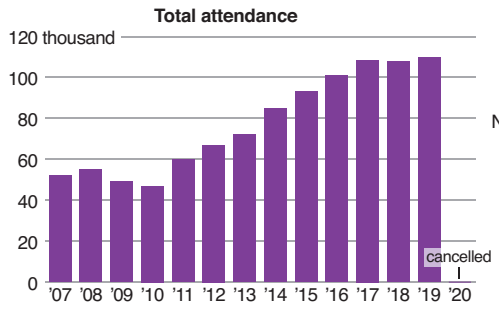
The new virus from China has pulled the plug on the world's biggest wireless technology trade show.

The Mobile World Congress, scheduled for late February, was canceled after a string of big name tech companies said they would not attend over worries about health and safety of staff and visitors at the event in Barcelona, Spain.

The show was among a raft of business and sporting events cancelled or postponed amid concerns about the viral outbreak, which has infected tens of thousands and killed nearly 2,000 dead, most of them in China.

Exhibitors were concerned about the spread of infection at MWC, a technology extravaganza that was expected to attract more than 100,000 people, including 5,000-6,000 from China.

The show's attendance has roughly doubled over the past decade, underscoring the mobile industry's rapid growth. It's an important deal-making event for executives from wireless carriers and networking gear makers, as well as big tech companies and small startups. But after this year's cancellation, it's likely that the deals will still be made, raising questions about the show's importance.



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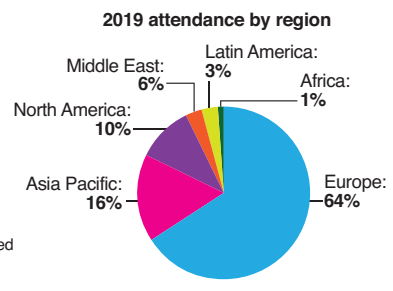

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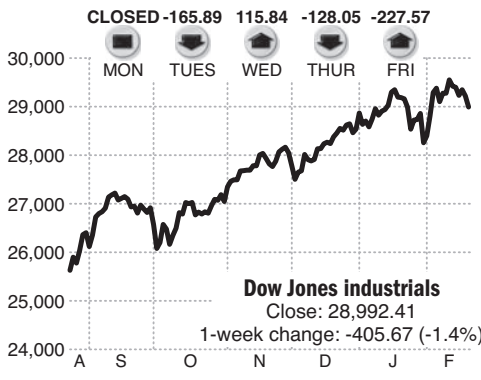
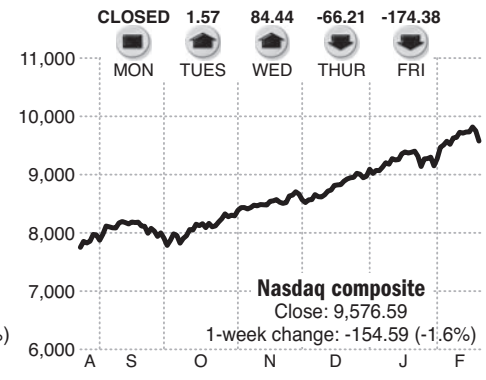




WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29568.57	24680.57	Dow Jones industrial average	29409.09	28892.70	28992.41	-405.67	-1.4	▲	▲	+1.6	+11.4
11359.49	9676.06	Dow Jones transportation	11071.92	10810.72	10908.94	+46.02	+0.4	▼	▲	+0.1	+3.0
963.80	736.58	Dow Jones utilities	963.80	945.09	948.74	-6.61	-0.7	▲	▲	+7.9	+25.3
14183.26	12238.40	NYSE Comp.	14115.95	13931.13	13975.78	-121.56	-0.9	▼	▲	+0.5	+10.1
5914.74	5127.21	NYSE International	5802.43	5709.95	5719.94	-76.58	-1.3	▼	▲	-1.9	+6.2
9736.57	6936.68	Nasdaq 100	9736.57	9406.38	9446.69	-176.89	-1.8	▲	▲	+8.2	+33.2
9838.37	7292.21	Nasdaq Comp.	9838.37	9542.33	9576.59	-154.59	-1.6	▲	▲	+6.7	+27.2
3393.52	2722.27	S&P 500	3393.52	3328.45	3337.75	-42.41	-1.3	▲	▲	+3.3	+19.5
2109.43	1802.58	S&P MidCap	2109.43	2078.55	2084.33	-12.28	-0.6	▲	▲	+1.0	+7.8
34616.78	28107.06	Wilshire 5000	34616.78	33974.21	34066.28	-362.05	-1.1	▲	▲	+3.6	+17.5
1715.08	1450.32	Russell 2000	1698.92	1673.20	1678.61	-8.98	-0.5	▲	▲	+0.6	+5.6
433.90	361.07	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	433.90	426.13	428.07	-2.45	-0.6	▲	▲	+2.9	+15.3
7727.49	7004.43	FTSE 100	7480.49	7353.41	7403.92	-5.21	-0.1	▼	▲	-1.8	+3.1

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
BrickIlBi rs	3.15	+1.99	+171.6
Bellero hrs	7.99	+4.56	+132.9
Stamps.cm	174.47	+85.74	+96.6
Schrodin n	50.00	+23.10	+85.9
AltisrcAst	21.87	+8.70	+66.0
AdestoTc	12.33	+4.79	+63.5
ArcusBio	17.32	+6.29	+57.0
WandaSp n	4.60	+1.61	+53.8
CmtyHlt	7.18	+2.46	+52.1
Cemtrx pf	2.25	+.74	+49.0

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
GloryStar	2.02	-7.98	-79.8
TivityHlth	12.00	-10.44	-46.5
Cellectar	2.17	-.76	-25.9
Aarons	43.33	-14.87	-25.5
Mednax	19.99	-6.81	-25.4
NeuroBo rs	17.86	-5.91	-24.9
Fluor	14.74	-4.80	-24.6
AgileThra	3.10	-.98	-24.0
BlueApr rs	2.98	-.93	-23.8
BelFuseB	13.10	-3.93	-23.1

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
VirgnGal	3236141	33.87	+5.19
AMD	2942676	53.28	-2.03
Groupon	2398387	1.65	-1.18
FordM	1853675	7.89	-.21
PlugPowr h	1774259	5.57	+1.15
Microsoft	1649926	178.59	-6.25
Sprint	1526493	10.05	+1.36
GenElec	1452511	12.25	-.58
FuelCell rs	1344150	2.52	+.44
Apple Inc	1334124	313.05	-11.90

IBM in the cloud

IBM is pinning its future on cloud computing, a path blazed by retiring CEO Ginni Rometty.

Rometty described IBM's nascent cloud business as a priority when she took the helm in 2012. It's grown to 27% of the company's $77.1 billion annual revenue.

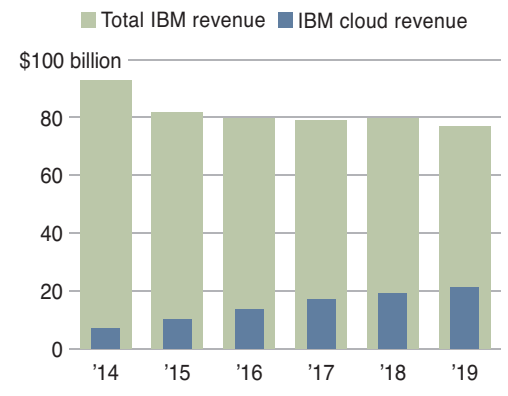
But IBM has been overshadowed by cloud leaders Amazon and Microsoft. Its cloud business hasn't yet sparked enough of a transformation to pull the tech giant out of a years-long revenue decline.

IBM's cloud computing chief Arvind Krishna will take on the CEO role starting April 6.

IBM's $21.2 billion cloud revenue for the 2019 fiscal year was up 11% from the previous year. At the same time, overall annual revenue dropped 3.1%, continuing a downward trajectory that was only briefly interrupted in 2018.

The company says it is starting to see some "synergies" from last year's $34 billion acquisition of open-source software provider Red Hat — a risky bet intended to position IBM as a major cloud player.

Wedbush analyst Moshe Katri says IBM needs to work faster at "cannibalizing" its legacy businesses, especially since customers now have cheaper IT-services options.



A new focus: IBM has seen its cloud services grow as its legacy businesses are declining.

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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.12		
Invesco Oppenheimer Gvt Cash Rsv/A	2.99	$ 1,000 min	(800) 225-5677
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.70		
Federated Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	1.10	500K	(800) 341-7400

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.02	-0.06	▼	▼	-1.15	3.25	2.02
Triple-A corporate Moody's	2.77	-0.06	▼	▼	-0.99	3.87	2.76
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.55	-0.06	▼	▼	-1.35	3.95	2.55
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.13	-0.77	▼	▼	-1.55	6.74	5.07
Global Aggregate Barclays	1.25	-0.04	▼	▼	-0.68	1.99	1.17
Treasury 10-Yr. TIPS		0.00	▼	▼	-0.74	0.76	0.00

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	1.55	-0.02	▲	▼	-0.89	2.45	1.51
6-month T-Bill	1.51	-0.04	▼	▼	-1.00	2.53	1.51
52-week T-Bill	1.43	-0.04	▼	▼	-1.11	2.54	1.43
2-year T-Note	1.33	-0.10	▼	▼	-1.18	2.54	1.31
5-year T-Note	1.31	-0.10	▼	▼	-1.19	2.57	1.31
10-year T-Note	1.47	-0.11	▼	▼	-1.20	2.75	1.46
30-year T-Bond	1.92	-0.13	▼	▼	-1.12	3.12	1.92

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The U.S. dollar weakened versus the Japanese yen and the euro. The dollar also weakened versus the British pound but rose versus the Mexican peso.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.2974	+.0094	+.72%	1.2124	1.3039
Canadian Dollar	1.3209	-.0053	-.40%	1.3292	1.3226
USD per Euro	1.0858	+.0068	+.63%	1.1085	1.1336
Japanese Yen	111.62	-.44	-.39%	106.61	110.68
Mexican Peso	18.8907	+.0668	+.35%	19.7023	19.2920
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4167	-.0085	-.25%	3.5249	3.6195
Norwegian Krone	9.2812	-.0426	-.46%	8.9544	8.6335
South African Rand	14.9799	-.1313	-.88%	15.2044	14.0234
Swedish Krona	9.7110	-.1047	-1.08%	9.6307	9.3703
Swiss Franc	.9779	-.0060	-.61%	.9824	1.0013
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.5080	-.0038	-.25%	1.4746	1.4124
Chinese Yuan	7.0272	+.0038	+.05%	7.0631	6.7222
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7871	+.0069	+.09%	7.8428	7.8465
Indian Rupee	71.886	-.054	-.08%	71.439	71.190
Singapore Dollar	1.3983	-.0026	-.19%	1.3839	1.3542
South Korean Won	1210.51	+4.17	+.34%	1202.28	1126.46
Taiwan Dollar	30.40	-.02	-.07%	31.34	30.81

Commodities

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.47% Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	53.38	53.88	-0.93	-12.6
Ethanol (gal)	1.31	1.33	-1.65	-4.6
Heating Oil (gal)	1.69	1.70	-0.65	-16.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	1.91	1.92	-0.78	-13.0
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.65	1.67	-1.14	-2.3
METALS				
Gold (oz)	1644.60	1616.60	+1.73	+8.2
Silver (oz)	18.52	18.31	+1.16	+3.9
Platinum (oz)	976.10	979.00	-0.30	+0.5
Copper (lb)	2.62	2.60	+0.89	-6.3
AGRICULTURE				
Cattle (lb)	1.20	1.20	-0.32	-4.0
Coffee (lb)	1.10	1.05	+5.05	-15.0
Corn (bu)	3.77	3.79	-0.40	-2.8
Cotton (lb)	0.69	0.68	+0.26	-0.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	461.30	463.50	-0.37	+13.7
Orange Juice (lb)	0.99	1.00	+0.75	+2.1
Soybeans (bu)	8.90	8.93	-0.25	-5.6
Wheat (bu)	5.51	5.60	-1.61	-1.4

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Sprint Corp	S	10.05	15.7	**108.1**	49.9	6	...
Tesla Inc	TSLA	901.00	12.6	**59.5**	200.2	dd	...
Zoom Vidio Comm Cl A	ZM	101.76	11.9	**39.4**	0.0	...	...
Slack Technologies	WORK	28.44	1.6	**38.1**	0.0	...	...
GSX Techedu Inc	GSX	42.72	23.8	**36.8**	0.0	...	...
Zillow Group C	Z	65.00	25.4	**34.2**	50.4	cc	...
Teva Pharm	TEVA	13.19	7.9	**30.6**	-25.4	dd	5.6
Dominos Pizza Inc	DPZ	371.96	27.6	**30.5**	7.3	42	0.8
TAL Education Grp AD	TAL	59.47	0.6	**27.4**	85.9	87	...
NortonLifeLock Corp	NLOK	20.47	-0.3	**26.2**	43.4	10	2.4
PG&E Corp	PCG	17.92	10.6	**25.6**	-1.3	26	...
DexCom Inc	DXCM	291.25	2.6	**24.5**	97.2	dd	...
Bilibili Inc	BILI	26.88	-6.3	**23.2**	55.7	66	...
Biogen Inc	BIIB	336.71	1.1	**21.1**	2.4	16	...
Brookfield Renew En	BEP	56.35	3.4	**21.1**	97.5	...	3.9

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Stamps.com Inc	STMP	174.47	96.6	**111.0**	-52.8	27	...
Virgin Galactic un	SPCE/U	39.63	17.5	**103.7**	340.5	...	...
Virgin Galactic Hldg	SPCE	33.87	18.1	**96.8**	269.8	...	...
Acceleron Pharma	XLRN	94.51	0.9	**81.6**	124.0	dd	...
Enphase Energy Inc	ENPH	59.09	43.8	**80.7**	656.9	dd	...
Schrodinger Inc	SDGR	50.00	85.9	**74.6**	0.0	...	...
Taubman Ctrs	TCO	53.15	-0.2	**71.2**	8.2	28	5.1
Unit Group Inc	UNIT	10.82	22.3	**66.1**	-13.6	dd	8.1
Vivint Smart Home	VVNT	19.00	16.8	**62.1**	0.0	...	...
Unisys Cp	UIS	17.06	-1.9	**61.2**	28.4	dd	...
Insmed Inc	INSM	31.25	2.0	**55.6**	17.8	dd	...
Delphi Technologies	DLPH	15.00	-0.8	**52.7**	-18.2	5	4.5
Twist Bioschence Inc	TWST	33.05	9.4	**52.7**	28.4	dd	...
IGM Biosciences Inc	IGMS	60.69	40.4	**52.4**	0.0	dd	...
Daqo New Energy	DQ	76.21	5.0	**48.5**	129.6	25	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
genprex Inc	GNPX	5.33	24.5	**316.4**	162.2	dd	...
Aduro Biotech	ADRO	3.65	8.0	**146.6**	-7.2	dd	...
NeuroBo Pharmaceutic	NRBO	17.86	-24.9	**117.5**	-34.2	...	...
Pavmed Inc	PAVM	3.10	26.0	**100.0**	175.8	dd	...
BioXcel Therapeut	BTAI	34.89	-5.6	**99.5**	365.9	dd	...
Arcus Biosciences	RCUS	17.32	57.0	**84.6**	40.4	...	...
FTS International	FTSI	1.27	9.5	**80.7**	-86.1	dd	...
scPharmaceuticals	SCPH	10.31	19.3	**77.1**	214.0	dd	...
Anavex Life Sci	AVXL	5.09	1.8	**74.3**	122.5	dd	...
Hc2 Holdings Inc	HCHC	4.24	5.5	**72.4**	25.2	dd	...
Puma Biotechnology	PBYI	13.60	11.0	**67.9**	-48.3	dd	...
Brainstorm Cell Ther	BCLI	6.87	33.1	**65.9**	50.1	dd	...
Wanda Sports Group	WSG	4.60	53.8	**62.0**	0.0	...	...
Community Hlth Sys	CYH	7.18	52.1	**60.6**	20.9	dd	23.3
Milestone Scientific	MLSS	2.48	25.3	**57.0**	602.2	...	...

InsiderQ&A

What's in store for the economy?

Gus Faucher
Chief Economist
PNC Financial Services Group

In this high-profile election year, the U.S. economy boasts an unemployment rate that is near its lowest level in a half-century.

But economic growth has been slowing. And some economists say the expansion may be vulnerable to risks ranging from the U.S.-China trade war to China's deadly viral outbreak.

To try to gauge what the future may hold, The Associated Press spoke recently with Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Last year, the economy grew 2.3%. That was the slowest in three years, and it was down from 2.9% in 2018. What are you forecasting for this year?
We are forecasting 1.7% GDP growth for 2020. There are a few drags on the economy, such as soft business investment, and the positive impacts of the 2017 tax cuts have largely faded.

Last year, the economy had to deal with a slowing global economy and the uncertainty created by President Donald Trump's trade war. What are the risks now?
Although we have the Phase 1 trade deal between China and the United States, there are still some very thorny issues the two nations need to hash out. In addition, I think the coronavirus will cause a significant hit to China's economy in early 2020 which will impact U.S. growth.

The Federal Reserve cut rates three times last year after having raised them four times in 2018. What is the Fed likely to do this year?
I think we will see the Fed stay on hold. If we do see Fed action this year, we are more likely to see a rate cut rather than a rate increase.

The economy is in the 11th year of an economic expansion. That is the longest in U.S. history. What is the risk of a recession?
The probability of a recession this year is about 30%. The most likely cause of a recession in either 2020 or 2021 would be some sort of external event — whether an intensification of the trade war, coronavirus, a global recession, something like that.

What will the next recession look like?
Whenever it occurs, it is going to be a fairly mild recession. We simply don't have the imbalances in the economy that we had heading into the 2007-2009 Great Recession, when we had huge problems in housing. The unemployment rate, which increased to 10% during the last recession, may go from 3.6% now to around 6%.

Is this an economy that should favor a president running for re-election?
Since the expansion started in June 2009, we have had steady economic growth of between 2% and 3%, and we have seen a significant improvement in the labor market. The economy is in good shape right now.

Interviewed by Martin Crutsinger. Edited for clarity and length.

AP

Wells Fargo to pay $3B to resolve probes into fake accounts

By KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wells Fargo agreed Friday to pay $3 billion to settle criminal and civil investigations into a long-running practice whereby company employees opened millions of unauthorized bank accounts in order to meet unrealistic sales goals.

Since the fake-accounts scandal came to light in 2016, Wells has paid out billions in fines to state and federal regulators, reshuffled its board of directors and seen two CEOs and other top-level executives leave the company.

The $3 billion payment includes a $500 million civil payment to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which will distribute those funds to investors who were impacted by Wells' behavior.

Before the scandal broke, Wells Fargo was considered to have a sterling reputation among the big banks. The bank referred to its branches as "stores," and once had a policy of trying to get each Wells Fargo customer to have eight financial products with the company

Wells' sales policies, pushed by top management, were aggressive and unrealistic. Bank employees were berated for not making bloated sales quotas, which ultimately resulted in many employees gaming Wells Fargo's sales system in order to meet these artificial sales goals. For example a number of Wells Fargo customers, notably the elderly, were signed up for online banking when they did not have Internet access.

"Simply put, Wells Fargo traded its hard-earned reputation for short-term profits, and harmed untold numbers of customers along the way," said U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna for the Central District of California, in a prepared statement.

The settlement with the Department of Justice covers Wells Fargo as a company, and the DOJ could still go after individuals for violating bank laws. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, one of the nation's bank regulators, fined several of Wells' former top executives earlier this year for their role in the scandal.

Former chief executive John G. Stumpf was fined $17.5 million and agreed to a lifetime ban from the banking industry.

Mark J. Terrill / AP

Cory Doctorow, right, walks in front of other protestors in Los Angeles on Jan. 24 outside the headquarters of the regulatory body for domain names, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. A private equity firm announced Friday what it calls legally binding commitments designed to ease concerns that its proposed $1.1 billion private takeover of the dot-org domain-setting registry would lead to price gouging and censorship.

For-profit firm seeking to run .org names makes concessions

By ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A private equity firm seeking to buy rights to operate the internet's .org suffix said Friday it will cap price hikes and create an advisory board with veto powers to ease concerns from the nonprofit community.

Ethos Capital has offered $1.1 billion to buy the Public Interest Registry, the nonprofit corporation that runs the databases containing more than 10 million .org names registered worldwide. Organizations ranging from the Girl Scouts of the USA and Consumer Reports to the American Bible Society have opposed the sale, warning of potential price gouging and censorship. California's attorney general and four congressional members have also requested information to evaluate a deal's potential impact to nonprofits.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the concessions are enough to satisfy critics. The cap on price hikes, for instance, will expire in eight years, and most of the advisory board's initial members will be appointed by the Public Interest Registry's board.

Domain names such as apnews.com have historically been used by computers to find websites and send email, and their value grew as companies and groups adopted them for branding. The Associated Press, a nonprofit, also uses a .org domain, ap.org.

Though domain names are less prominent these days as more people reach websites using search engines and apps, they are still important for email addresses, billboards and other non-digital advertising.

The Public Interest Registry is currently owned by the Internet Society, a nonprofit founded by many of the internet's early engineers and scientists. In that role, the registry collects annual fees of about $10 per .org registration. The Internet Society uses some of that revenue to fund advocacy and administrative programs, which include creating technical standards for the internet.

A sale to Ethos Capital wouldn't immediately affect existing .org names or the websites that use them. Although .org is often associated with nonprofit organizations, it can already by registered by anyone, including for-profit corporations and individuals. That won't change if it gets a for-profit owner.

But some critics fear that future policies could reduce protections for domain name owners. For instance, websites can suddenly become unreachable if whoever owns the registry suspends a .org name at the urging of a government or business rival, without giving the website a chance to plead its case. Critics are particularly worried that authoritarian countries could target human rights groups and other nongovernmental organizations this way.

Critics are also worried that financial pressures on a for-profit company could result in price hikes.

To address concerns, Ethos agreed Friday to limit price hikes to an average of 10 percent per year for eight years. The Public Interest Registry had a binding 10 percent cap that expired in June, though that restriction wasn't an average and didn't allow for higher hikes in some years.

Ethos said it will also let an advisory body, known as a stewardship council, veto proposed modifications to registry policies on censorship, freedom of expression and use of .org registration and user data. The council won't have any veto on price.

FDA approves drug that lowers cholesterol in a new way

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — U.S. regulatorson Friday approveda new type of cholesterol-lowering drug aimed at millions of people who can't tolerate – or don't get enough help from – widely used statin pills like Lipitor and Crestor.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Esperion Therapeutics Inc.'s Nexletolfor people genetically predisposed to have sky-high cholesterol and people who have heart disease and need to further lower their bad cholesterol. The daily pill is to be taken in conjunction with a healthy diet and the highest statin dose patients can handle, the FDA said.

High LDL, or bad cholesterol, is one of the top risks for heart attacks and other problems. Studies showed that Nexletol could lower LDL by about 25 percent when taken alone and by an additional 18 percent when combined with a statin.

"This is a nice alternative" to statins, but those medicines will still be the first choice, said Dr. Christie Ballantyne, Baylor College of Medicine's cardiology chief. He consults for Esperion and helped test the drug.

Millions of people take cheap, generic statins, but the medicines don't lower LDL cholesterol enough for many patients and others experience side effects such as muscle pain. Other options include Zetia pills, also sold in generic form as ezetimibe for about $13 to $50 a month.

Far fewer patients use Repatha and Praluent, newer drugs that cost $6,000 or more a year. Insurers often restrict coverage of those medicines, which are shots patients give themselves once or twice a month.

Esperion, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, did not immediately disclose the drug's list price but previously said it planned a price of about $300 per month.Nexletol, also known as bempedoic acid, should be available in late March, the company said.

It works in the liver by blocking an enzyme needed to make LDL. Statins also block cholesterol production in the liver, but in a different way, so the drugs together can reduce LDL more.

The new drug "would be valuable to add to treatment" for patients who can't get their LDL down enough with existing drugs or can't afford the injected ones, Duke Heart Center co-director Dr. Manesh Patel said. Patel, who was not involved in the research, estimated 10 percent to 15 percent of his patients might be eligible for Nexletol.

In company-funded studies, common Nexletol side effects included high blood pressure and muscle and joint pain. Serious side effects include tendon rupture. Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding should not take Nexletol because of possible harm to the baby, the FDA said.

In one study of more than 2,200 patients, there were several more deaths from heart problems in the Nexletol group than among those given placebo pills. Patel said that's likely just a random imbalance, not a big concern.

The company has a large study underway to see whether Nexletol can lower the risk of heart attacks and other problems, not just cholesterol. Results are expected late in 2022. The company estimates Nexletol could be appropriate for up to 18 million Americans and more than 100 million people in other countries.

Michael Valant, 71, of League City, Texas, took Nexletol for about 19 months in one study. Valant, a retired global supply chain manager, had a heart bypass operation more than a decade ago and then took a statin for years, but it wasn't helping enough.

Adding Nexletol to that statin during the study cut his bad cholesterol even more.

"It definitely made a difference," Valant said.

BLUETOOTH

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products are picked up and worn," Statler said.

But will consumers want tracking technology embedded so deeply in their lives?

Statler said Wiliot is well aware of potential consumer concerns.

"Our business is dependent on people accepting the real benefits of having a digital identity associated with our products," Statler said. "We're responding on multiple levels."

The company has "fast-tracked" its security goals, encrypting all signals that their chips send. This is a costly commitment as it requires decryption down the road, but Statler said it was critical to gain the trust of consumers.

The company is also complying with privacy legislation in California and Europe, and will not collect data unless consumers choose to opt in.

All in all, the startup has raised $70 million in capital, with a $30 million round in January 2019. The latest infusion of cash will provide the resources for Wiliot to support its customers' pilot projects and further develop Wiliot's cloud machine-learning components.

Statler said the company plans to hire two applications engineers at their San Diego office, bringing the local headcount to 10 people. Across all its locations, Wiliot employs 45 people.

hp SPORTS

Harlequin duck makes winter appearance

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Bears, Vikings split doubleheader

Niles girls knock St. Joseph out of SMAC West lead; Bear boys rally for win

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

NILES — It was a senior night to remember for the Niles girls basketball team.

Niles girls 55 St. Joseph 34

St. Joseph boys 55 Niles 42

With Niles leaving the Southwest Michigan Athletic West division for the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Red division next year, Friday's games between the two teams would be their last conference battles for the foreseeable future. The two schools made the most of it.

The girls rolled to a 55-34 win over St. Joseph in a key division matchup, while the St. Joseph boys team used a strong second half to earn a 55-42 win.

The St. Joseph girls got off to an 11-2 start to the game, but the Vikings 14-2 run that gave Niles a 16-13 lead after one quarter of play. Coming out of halftime up 25-22, an Alexis Rauch basket keyed a 17-1 Niles run that put the game away.

"Our girls came ready to play," Niles girls coach Jessica Johnson said. "We're undersized and St. Joseph has great post players. Our post players did well against them and I was happy with our defensive performance overall."

"The bottom line is that they outplayed us in every area," St. Joseph girls coach Tracey Bloodworth said. "Their kids came to play and we did not. We made a lot of mistakes and players were out of sync.

"We didn't execute our gameplan at all and they did, so I give them a lot of credit."

The Vikings led 42-25 after three quarters and led by as many as 26 in the fourth quarter. Senior point guard Alycia Patterson led Niles with 18 points and Amara Palmer tallied 17 points.

"Alycia has been the foundation of our program for four years," Johnson said. "Just having her on the floor is a blessing."

St. Joseph's Alex Malone and Emma Inman scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

Friday's loss against the Vikings drops St. Joseph (7-2 SMAC West, 11-7) to second place in the division standings, trailing Portage Central (8-1, 15-3). The Bears can share the West division title with a win against the Mustangs on Friday.

The Bears will play the Mustangs again on March 3 to open Division 1 district play.

Niles (6-3 SMAC West, 9-9) hopes to carry the momentum earned from Friday's victory into the rest of its season.

"We want this to keep going," Johnson said. "We're doing our best to take things one game at a time. We'll try to do that and see where it takes us."

The boys game was a tale of two halves. Niles got off to a good start on defense and hit some shots to take a 22-17 lead into halftime. But from there it was all St. Joseph (4-4 SMAC West, 6-11).

The Bears came out of

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Lakeshore's Ben Anderson shoots over Mattawan's Jalen Jones during the first half of Friday night's doubleheader.

Buchanan wins Battle of the Fans

Bucks are champion for 3rd time in MHSAA contest

By HP STAFF

Buchanan High School's student cheering section, "The Herd", was announced as the winner of the MHSAA's Battle of the Fans on Friday.

Buchanan won for the third time in the nine years the MHSAA has held the contest. The Herd also took the title in 2013 and 2018. Saginaw Heritage and Zeeland East were other finalists.

"I wish we could bottle what The Herd does and give some to every school in the state," Andy Frushour, MHSAA director of brand management and advisor to the Student Advisory Council, said in a press release. "They have set the bar for student section organization, sportsmanship, constant noise, and most of all, fun.

"And they genuinely want to see other student sections succeed. So we're excited to see who will take on the champs next year."

Nine semifinalists were chosen by the MHSAA after submitting YouTube videos of their cheering sections. The semifinalists then took part in a series of social media challenges to narrow the field to three.

MHSAA staff then visited each of the three finalists for home basketball games. Buchanan was the MHSAA's second stop for its game on Feb. 11 against Watervliet.

"We've established a place where you can be yourself," Buchanan senior Carter Aalfs said in a press release. "You can be outgoing. You can have fun. And you don't have to worry about anybody judging you. Many people don't get to have an experience like this where you get to be with all your friends, all having a good time, while also supporting your school."

Total turnaround

Lakeshore boys dominate Mattawan in 2nd half; Lancer girls fall short

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Writer

STEVENSVILLE — The second half was kind to Lakeshore's boys basketball team on Friday night.

Lakeshore boys 63 Mattawan 32

Mattawan girls 42 Lakeshore 32

Trailing by five points at halftime, the Lancers used a massive second-half effort to get past visiting Mattawan, 63-32, and earn a Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division victory.

Lakeshore's girls team lost the opener of the doubleheader, falling 42-32 to the Wildcats.

In the boys game, Mattawan (1-7 SMAC West, 2-15) never trailed in the first half, leading by as many as eight points before taking a 25-20 lead into the locker room.

Lakeshore (7-1, 14-3) struggled offensively in the half, shooting just 7-of-25 (28 percent) from the floor in the first two quarters. The Lancers also gave up multiple open looks from three-point territory,

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Riley Pifer scrambles for control of the ball against Mattawan's McKenna Macon during Friday night's game.

Fernando Llano / AP

Bryson DeChambeau follows his tee off at the 10th hole during the second round for the WGC-Mexico Championship on Friday.

DeChambeau birdies his way to 1-shot lead

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

MEXICO CITY — Bryson DeChambeau kept making so many birdies in the Mexico Championship that when he rolled in his ninth one from 45 feet, all he could do was throw his hands in the air in pure wonder.

He wasn't alone Friday in making birdies, although Rory McIlroy would like to have joined the party.

DeChambeau made seven birdies in an eight-hole stretch at Chapultepec Golf Club for an 8-under 63, giving him a one-shot lead over Erik van Rooyen of South Africa and Patrick Reed at the halfway point of this World Golf Championship. DeChambeau was at 11-under 131.

Van Rooyen, who played college golf at Minnesota, celebrated his 30th birthday by making nine birdies to tie the course record with a 62. Reed made five birdies on the back nine for a 63

Justin Thomas ran off four straight birdies to end the back nine, and then holed a 35-foot eagle putt to build a three-shot lead through 10 holes. That was gone in a matter of four holes as player after player kept rolling in putts on a day with much less wind and far better scoring. The average score 70.28, more than two shots better than Thursday.

Hideki Matusyama was 9 under for his round through 15 holes and had a 20-footer birdie attempt from the fringe on the par-3 seventh. He missed that 3 feet to the left, then missed the next one. He bogeyed the next hole, too, and had to settle for a 64. That left him at 9-under 133, along with Thomas, who had to settle for a 66.

McIlroy wasn't so fortunate. Staked to a two-shot lead at the start of the day, he opened with eight straight pars, didn't make a birdie until his 12th hole and fell six shots behind at one point. Two birdies at the end gave him a 69, and the world's No. 1 player was only three shots behind.

"I made eight pars in a row, and then it's like, 'OK, you're either going to make a birdie or a bogey. What's

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IN BRIEF

Bears waive Amukamara, Gabriel

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears waived cornerback Prince Amukamara and speedy receiver Taylor Gabriel on Friday.

Amukamara started 42 games over the past three seasons and gave the Bears a physical presence in the backfield while helping the defense emerge as a top-10 unit. He was limited by a hamstring injury late last season and missed a game.

He has 10 interceptions over nine seasons with the New York Giants, Jacksonville Jaguars and Bears.

Gabriel has 2,860 yards and 14 touchdown catches in six years with Cleveland, Atlanta and Chicago. He caught 67 passes for 688 yards in 2018 after signing with the Bears but was limited to nine games last season because of concussions. The Bears went 8-8 and missed the playoffs last year after winning the NFC North at 12-4 the previous year.

Pistons sign guard to a 10-day contract

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons announced on Friday that they have signed guard Derrick Walton Jr. to a 10-day contract.

Walton last played for the Los Angeles Clippers this season. In 23 games, with one start, he averaged 2.2 points, 0.7 rebounds and one assist before being traded to the Atlanta Hawks on Feb. 6. He was then waived by the Hawks. In college, the Detroit native played at the University of Michigan.

Per team policy, terms of the agreement weren't disclosed.

Also Friday, the Pistons said they and Markieff Morris reached an agreement to buy out the veteran forward's contract. The Pistons have requested waivers on Morris.

Morris signed as a free agent on July 6 last year. He averaged 11 points, 3.9 rebounds and 1.6 assists during his stint with Detroit.

MSU hires Gilmore as tight ends coach

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State hired Wisconsin assistant Ted Gilmore on Friday as tight ends coach.

Gilmore, 52, joins the Spartans after spending the past five seasons as the Badgers' wide receivers coach. Previously, he spent three seasons as wide receivers coach for the Oakland Raiders and numerous colleges before that, including Nebraska, Purdue and Colorado.

7 high school football players to be charged in hazing

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — Seven football players at a prominent all-boys Catholic high school in suburban Detroit will be charged with assault after two alleged hazing victims and witnesses came forward, police said.

Warren police have been investigating football players at De La Salle Collegiate High School for allegedly assaulting other players with broomsticks in October 2019. The school has acknowledged that some form of hazing occurred and abruptly ended the team's season by forfeiting a playoff game last fall.

Prosecutors said last month that they couldn't bring criminal charges due to a lack of admissible evidence, but witnesses and two alleged victims have since spoken to investigators.

Seven players will be charged next week with assault or aggravated assault, which are misdemeanors that carry up to 93 days in jail and fines.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:25 a.m. NBCSports **Premier League Soccer** Chelsea FC vs Tottenham Hotspur FC. (Live)
9:30 a.m. FS1 **Bundesliga Soccer** SV Werder Bremen vs Borussia Dortmund. (Live) CC
9:55 a.m. NBCSports **Premier League Soccer** Sheffield United vs. Brighton & Hove Albion. (Live)
12:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Tennessee at Auburn. (Live) CC
17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Marquette at Providence. (Live)
Bigten **College Lacrosse** Yale at Penn State. (Live) CC
ESPN **College Basketball** Kansas at Baylor. (Live)
ESPN2 **College Basketball** Virginia at Pittsburgh. (Live)
Golf **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Third Round. (Live)
12:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **Premier League Soccer** Leicester City FC vs Manchester City FC. (Live)
1:00 p.m. FS1 **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** Boyd Gaming 300, Qualifying. (Live) CC
2:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Texas at Kansas State. (Live) CC
7 13 41 57 **XFL Football** Houston Roughnecks at Tampa Bay Vipers. (Live)
Bigten **Women's College Basketball** Ohio State at Rutgers. (Live) CC
ESPN **College Basketball** Michigan at Purdue. (Live)
ESPN2 **College Basketball** Houston at Memphis. (Live)
2:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Third Round. (Live) CC
17 22.2 32 **College Basketball** Villanova at Xavier. (Live)
FS1 **NASCAR Cup Series** Pennzoil 400, Qualifying. (Live) CC
Golf **PGA Tour Golf** Puerto Rico Open, Third Round. (Live)
4:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** UCLA at Colorado. (Live) CC
Bigten **College Hockey** Notre Dame at Michigan. (Live) CC
ESPN **College Basketball** North Carolina at Louisville. (Live)
ESPN2 **College Basketball** Oklahoma at Oklahoma State. (Live)
FoxDetroit **College Basketball** Georgia Tech at Syracuse. (Live)
FS1 **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** Boyd Gaming 300. (Live) CC
4:30 p.m. NBCSports **College Basketball** Saint Joseph's at George Mason. (Live)
5:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **XFL Football** Dallas Renegades at Seattle Dragons. (Live)
6:00 p.m. ESPN **College Basketball** Florida at Kentucky. (Live)
ESPN2 **College Basketball** LSU at South Carolina. (Live)
6:30 p.m. Bigten **College Hockey** Minnesota at Penn State. (Live) CC
NBCSports **College Basketball** Richmond at St. Bonaventure. (Live)
7:30 p.m. FS1 **Boxing** Deontay Wilder vs. Tyson Fury II - Undercard. (Live) CC
8:00 p.m. ESPN **Boxing** Deontay Wilder vs. Tyson Fury II - Undercard (Live)
ESPN2 **College Basketball** Virginia Tech at Duke. (Live)
NBCSCH **NBA Basketball** Phoenix Suns at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:30 p.m. 7 13 41 57 **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live) CC
NBCSports **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Arlington. (Live)
9:00 p.m. ESPN **College Basketball** Oregon at Arizona. (Live)
FS1 **College Basketball** Georgetown at DePaul. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. ESPN2 **College Basketball** Gonzaga at BYU. (Live)

Sunday

6:25 a.m. ESPN2 **Italian Serie A Soccer** Genoa CFC vs Lazio. (Live)
8:55 a.m. NBCSports **Premier League Soccer** Manchester United FC vs Watford FC. (Live)
9:30 a.m. FS1 **Bundesliga Soccer** Bayer 04 Leverkusen vs FC Augsburg. (Live) CC
11:25 a.m. NBCSports **Premier League Soccer** Arsenal FC vs Everton FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. 5 8 16 **NHL Hockey** Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals. (Live) CC
ESPN2 **Women's College Basketball** Vanderbilt at Tennessee. (Live)
FS1 **College Basketball** Penn State at Indiana. (Live) CC
1:00 p.m. 17 22.2 32 **PBA Bowling** U.S. Open. (Live)
Bigten **College Basketball** Rutgers at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
ESPN **College Basketball** Wichita State at Cincinnati. (Live)
FoxDetroit **MLB Preseason Baseball** Detroit Tigers at Atlanta Braves. (Live)
Golf **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Final Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** St. John's at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
ESPN2 **Women's College Basketball** South Carolina at Kentucky. (Live)
2:30 p.m. 5 8 16 **PGA Tour Golf** WGC - Mexico Championship, Final Round. (Live)
Golf **PGA Tour Golf** Puerto Rico Open, Final Round. (Live)
3:00 p.m. Bigten **College Basketball** Minnesota at Northwestern. (Live) CC
ESPN **XFL Football** New York Guardians at St. Louis Battle-Hawks. (Live)
FS1 **NHRA Drag Racing** Arizona Nationals, Qualifying. (Live) CC
NBCSCH **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars. (Live)
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17 22.2 32 **NASCAR Cup Series** Pennzoil 400. (Live)
4:00 p.m. 2 3 22 **College Basketball** Maryland at Ohio State. (Live) CC
50 **AHL Hockey** Rockford IceHogs at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
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FoxDetroit **Women's College Basketball** Miami at Boston College. (Live)
FS1 **College Basketball** Butler at Creighton. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. Bigten **Women's College Basketball** Michigan at Michigan State. (Live) CC
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8:00 p.m. Bigten **College Wrestling** Oklahoma State at Iowa. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. FoxDetroit **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)
10:00 p.m. NBCSports **NHL Hockey** Vegas Golden Knights at Anaheim Ducks. (Live)

Monday

2:55 p.m. NBCSports **Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs West Ham United FC. (Live)
3:00 p.m. NBCSCH **MLB Preseason Baseball** Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live)
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Radio today

2 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan at Purdue (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
6 p.m.
High school basketball — Benton Harbor at River Rouge (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Sunday

No local broadcasts

Monday

5:30 p.m.
College basketball — Lake Michigan College at Lansing doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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In this Oct. 30, 2019 photo, Houston's Carlos Correa reacts to his RBI single during the fifth inning of Game 7 of the World Series.

It's champs vs. cheaters as Nats and Astros meet Saturday

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — It will be champs vs. cheaters in a World Series rematch when the Washington Nationals and Houston Astros play their exhibition opener on Saturday night.

The last time these teams met, the Nationals were celebrating their first World Series title in Houston after winning Game 7 at Minute Maid Park. Since then, the Astros have become the league's villains, with a sign-stealing scandal sullying their reputation and casting a shadow on their 2017 title.

As the Astros prepare to take the field for the first time since their cheating scam was uncovered there's much speculation about what kind of reception they'll receive, though the players say they're focused on baseball.

"Honestly, I haven't thought about it," shortstop Carlos Correa said. "But whatever it is, our job is to go there and play baseball. So, I'm not too concerned about that."

There have been a handful of hecklers at Astros camp this week as the team assembled for the first time since Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred found they used electronics to steal signs during their run to the 2017 World Series title and again in the 2018 season.

The investigation, which led to the suspensions and subsequent firings of manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow, found the Astros used the video feed from a center field camera to see and decode the opposing catcher's signs. Players banged on a trash can to signal to batters what was coming, believing it would improve the batter's odds of getting a hit.

One man banged on a trash can as Astros players took batting practice Monday and someone yelled: "cheater" at second baseman Jose Altuve as he walked by fans the same day.

Correa, who was part of the team that was found to have stolen signs, knows things are going to be "tough" for the Astros on the road this season but doesn't expect things to be bad in a spring training game.

"But there's always going to be fans that are going to go to the ball park and have fun in their own way, and that's talking trash," Correa said. "And that's fine. You see that in every sport. So that shouldn't bother us."

New Houston manager Dusty Baker hasn't spent any time concerning himself with how the Astros will be received.

"I try not to worry about things because it doesn't do any good," he said. "You can anticipate this or that, but you don't really know until you get there. So I'm not really worried about the reception."

While the Astros get peppered daily with questions about their cheating and are constantly being asked to comment on the negative reactions of players around the league, their spring training facility-mates are still basking in the glow of their championship.

On Thursday night, the Nationals continued celebrating their victory with a championship parade in downtown West Palm Beach. Fans cheered as players and staff rode down the street showing off their trophy.

"In 2019 we were the best," manager Dave Martinez told the crowd at the end of the parade. "We were No. 1. We were the world champs and I want to thank all of you for sticking behind us."

Max Scherzer will start Saturday for the Nationals. He started and threw five innings in Washington's 6-2 win in Game 7 that gave the franchise its first title.

The 35-year-old said he's right where he needs to be and is feeling good as he prepares for his spring debut.

"Max is going to go out there and hopefully get them through the first inning, see how he feels, and if he can get out there for the second inning, that'd be great," Martinez said. "We'll cross that bridge when we get there. Right now, it's just about feel and seeing where they're at."

Saturday's game will also pit Baker against the team that let him go after the 2017 season.

Player reps not voting on NFL labor deal; more talks Tuesday

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

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One of the wild-card weekend games might wind up as a Monday night contest.

The 17-game schedule actually is a compromise offer for some owners who wanted 18 games. Adding the one regular-season match would seem to indicate each of those games would be at a neutral site.

But the league has promised the union to cap the number of international games and that there would not be a full week of such contests. More likely is a continued mix of games in England (and other European sites) and Mexico. Most team schedules will have nine home games and eight road games in alternating years.

The preseason would be reduced from four games to three, not counting the Hall of Fame game that starts the exhibition schedule.

Training camp padded practices would be reduced from a total of 28 to 16. A five-day acclimation period would precede summer practices. There would be more days off during camp – eight instead of five – and a limit on joint practices.

There would be no extra bye week in the regular season, something that had been discussed. However, teams would basically have two weeks to prepare for the season opener with the elimination of a preseason game.

Rosters would expand from 53 to 55, with 48 players able to dress for games rather than the current 46. Practice squads would go from 10 players to 12 and eventually to 14, probably by 2022. There would be more flexibility for protecting practice squaders from becoming free agents.

High school scoreboard

By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BERRIEN SPRINGS 41, COMSTOCK 25

COMSTOCK (25)
Brionna Tiffany 1 2-2 5, G. Nathaniel 1 2-6 4, Maya Deyoung-Foster 3 1-4 9, Karissa Gilley 1 0-0 2, Kyla Owens 0 0-1 0, Macy Cannon 2 0-2 5. Totals: 8 5-15 25.
BERRIEN SPRINGS (41)
Zoe Dortch 3 1-2 7, Hillary Dortch 7 0-2 17, Kym'meisha Ellis-Davis 1 1-2 3, Maggie Griffiths 0 1-4 1, Miracle Love 2 0-0 5, Taneya Shivers 3 0-0 8. Totals: 16 3-10 41.
Comstock 7 4 3 11 — 25
B. Springs 5 12 11 13 — 41
3-point goals – Comstock 4 (Deyoung-Foster 2, Tiffany, Cannon), Berrien Springs 6 (H. Dortch 3, Shivers 2, Love). Total fouls – Comstock 11, Berrien Springs 13. Fouled out – none. Rebounds – Z. Dortch (BSp) 10. Steals – H. Dortch (BSp) 7, Ellis-Davis (BSp) 6.
Records – Comstock 3-5 BCS Red, 3-13; Berrien Springs 5-4, 7-11.

DECATUR 38, HARTFORD 15

HARTFORD (15)
Megan Nelson 3 1-4 10, Jaelyne Galvan 0 2-2 2, Abigail Lopez 1 0-0 2, Alexis Snodgrass 0 1-2 1. Totals: 4 4-8 15.
DECATUR (38)
Regan Rose 6 5-6 18, Dani Confer 3 0-0 7, Morgan Hall 0 0-2 0, Leah Baushke 2 0-0 4, Kendra Nuckels 1 0-0 2, Jania Green 3 1-2 7. Totals: 15 6-10 38.
Hartford 1 2 10 2 — 15
Decatur 11 12 4 11 — 38
3-point goals – Hartford 3 (Nelson 3), Decatur 2 (Rose, Confer). Total fouls – Hartford 14, Decatur 8. Fouled out – none. Technical Fouls – none.
Records – Hartford 10-7 (SW10 8-7); Decatur 14-4 (SW10 11-4).
Note: Regan Rose is the new career points leader for Decatur girls basketball with 1073 points.

PARCHMENT 36, BRIDGMAN 32

PARCHMENT (36)
Knapp 1 0-0 2, Fernandez 1 0-0 2, Maxey 4 0-0 10, Leckie 1 1-2 4, Millers 4 0-3 8, Wachuwski 2 2-2 7, Buytendorp 0 1-4 1, Dreier 1 0-0 2. Totals: 14 4-11 36.
BRIDGMAN (32)
Liv Tomlin 1 1-2 3, Arie Hackett 1 0-0 2, Sam Rydwelski 3 1-6 7, Mackenzie Norris 2 1-4 5, Talea Lavanway 4 2-3 10, Elise Schmaltz 1 0-0 2, Jalynn Krieger 1 1-2 3. Totals: 13 6-17 32.
Parchment 11 5 7 13 — 36
Bridgman 6 9 8 9 — 32
3-point goals – Parchment 4 (Maxey 2, Leckie, Wachuwski), Bridgman 0. Total fouls – Parchment 19, Bridgman 15. Fouled out – Leckie (P). Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Rydwelski (B) 9.
Records – Parchment 1-8 BCS Red, 1-17; Bridgman 2-7, 4-14.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BERRIEN SPRINGS 52, COMSTOCK 36

COMSTOCK (36)
JR Kellum 3 3-4 10, Dalton Wilkins 1 1-2 3, Tariq Givan 1 0-0 3, Caleb Howard 1 0-0 2, Kyle Mortimer 2 2-2 7, Carter Wintz 4 0-0 11. Totals: 12 6-8 36.
BERRIEN SPRINGS (52)
Byron Tate 3 3-4 9, Jackson Glanzer 5 3-4 13, Marshall McFarland 3 3-4 9, Jamal Hailey 3 2-3 7, Josiah Pittman 1 0-2 2, Anthony Latin 4 2-2 10, Zeb Bodtke 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 13-19 52.
Comstock 7 6 9 14 — 36
B. Springs 9 15 10 18 — 52
3-point goals – Comstock 6 (Wintz 3, Kellum, Givan, Mortimer), Berrien Springs 1 (Hailey). Total fouls – Comstock 12, Berrien Springs 7. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Comstock 2-6 BCS Red, 5-11; Berrien Springs 1-7, 6-10.

RIVER VALLEY 49, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 33

LUTHERAN (33)
Alex Ritter 0 1-2 1, AJ DeWeerd 1 0-0 2, Sam Taylor 2 1-4 5, Nick Lockman 4 0-0 11, Andy Semenak 1 0-0 3, Adam Rosenbaum 5 1-2 11. Totals: 13 3-8 33.
RIVER VALLEY (49)
Lennon Lange 7 4-4 18, Wil Korbel 0 1-2 1, Carson Taylor 1 0-0 2, Matthew Schmidt 9 2-2 23, Davyd Bronson 1 0-1 2, Kenny Gibson 1 0-0 3. Totals: 19 7-9 49.
Lutheran 8 6 13 6 — 33
R. Valley 4 18 17 10 — 49
3-point goals – Lutheran 4 (Lockman 3, Semenak), River Valley 4 (Schmidt 3, Gibson). Total fouls – Lutheran 11, River Valley 12. Fouled out – none. Rebounds – Lutheran 19, River Valley 28 (Schmidt) 12. Assists – Korbel (RV) 5.
Records – Lutheran 4-7 BCS White, 6-10; River Valley 12-0, 14-3.

NEW BUFFALO 62, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 15

CATHOLIC (15)
Max Allen 0 0-1 0, Diego Nerio 0 0-5 0, Nate Green 1 0-0 2, Jacob Koenig 2 1-1 5, Matthew Rochefort 1 0-1 2, Jake Jozwiak 0 1-2 1, Charles LaSata 0 3-4 3, Jon Jollay 1 0-4 2. Totals: 5 5-18 15.
NEW BUFFALO (62)
Nate Tripp 2 0-0 4, Kaden Parmley 4 4-4 15, Markvell Shaw 3 0-0 6, Stephen Margaritis 0 1-4 1, Anthony Lijewski 8 0-0 19, Sean Gordon 3 2-5 9, Michael Flick 2 0-0 6, Ryan Vinson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 23 7-15 62.
Catholic 1 5 6 3 — 15
New Buffalo 21 15 14 12 — 62
3-point goals – Catholic 0, New Buffalo 9 (Parmley 3, Lijewski 3, Flick 2, Gordon). Total fouls – Catholic 15, New Buffalo 17. Fouled out – Allen (Cath).
Records – Catholic 2-11 BCS White, 2-13; New Buffalo 10-1, 10-6.

HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 81, COVERT 17

HOWARDSVILLE (81)
Joseph Nagel 1 3-5 5, Jason Jergens 9 1-1 26, Josh Parks 3 4-4 13, Zach Grandlinard 2 3-5 7, Carter Grandlinard 1 1-2 3, Sam Nagel 1 0-0 2, Josiah Rose 4 1-1 9, Ethan Johnson 2 0-1 4, Josh Rose 3 3-3 12. Totals: 26 16-22 81.
COVERT (17)
Hector Hernandez 3 0-2 7, Jesse Hernandez 1 0-0 3, Michael Darling 2 0-0 5, Dwayne Swan 1 0-1 2. Totals: 7 0-3 17.
Howardsville 21 26 23 12 — 81
Covert 7 4 6 0 — 17
3-point goals – Howardsville Christian 13 (Jergens 7, Parks 3, Rose 3), Covert 3 (H. Hernandez, J. Hernandez, Darling). Total fouls – Howardsville Christian 7, Covert 22.
Records – Howardsville Christian 8-4 BCS White, 9-8; Covert 0-13, 0-16.

BRIDGMAN 67, PARCHMENT 60 (2OT)

PARCHMENT (60)
Andre Whiteside 4 4-7 12, Tony Williams 13 7-8 35, Hunter Hanna 3 0-0 7, Evan Jasiak 2 0-0 4, Aaron Jasiak 1 0-2 2. Totals: 23 11-17 60.
BRIDGMAN (67)
Luke Blesy 4 2-4 11, Jackson Schmaltz 2 8-8 13, Hunter Adams 1 0-0 2, Jayce Warren 7 3-3 20, Nate Necas 2 0-1 5, Henry Branch 6 0-0 16.
Parchment 7 12 16 19 2 4 — 60
Bridgman 17 17 15 5 2 11 — 67
3-point goals – Parchment 3 (Williams 2, Hanna), Bridgman 10 (Branch 4, Warren 3, Blesy, Schmaltz, Necas). Total fouls – Parchment 17, Bridgman 14. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Parchment 4-4 BCS Red, 7-9; Bridgman 6-2, 13-4.

EAU CLAIRE 76, CASSOPOLIS 70

CASSOPOLIS (70)
K. Buck 1 0-0 2, J. Johnson 6 3-3 16, A. Hart 5 0-0 11, D. Gatson 5 4-5 15, D. Jamison 1 4-6 6, J.J. Hart 3 2-3 9, M. Anderson 1 0-0 2, R.J. Drews 3 1-1 9. Totals: 25 14-18 70.
EAU CLAIRE (76)
K. Taylor 4 0-2 8, M. Hackney 5 5-5 19, D. Holmes 5 0-0 10, T. Murphy 2 0-0 4, D. Travis 7 5-7 21, D. Evans 7 0-0 14. Totals: 30 10-14 76.
Cassopolis 19 19 15 17 — 70
Eau Claire 24 21 13 18 — 76
3-point goals – Cassopolis 6 (Drews 2, Johnson, A. Hart, Gatson, J. Hart), Eau Claire 6 (Hackney 4, Travis 2). Total fouls – Cassopolis 17, Eau Claire 18. Fouled out – none.
Records – Cassopolis 12-3 SW 10, 12-5; Eau Claire 9-6, 10-7.

HARTFORD 56, DECATUR 42

DECATUR (42)
Ben Cerven 3 3-6 9, Hunter Slavings 2 1-2 5, Colin Warkentien 4 1-2 11, Matt Allett 0 1-3 1, Roy Dear 3 0-1 7, Ethan Makowski 1 2-3 5, Jake Mroczek 2 0-0 4. Totals: 15 8-17 42.
HARTFORD (56)
Aaron Sinclair 6 6-8 21, Elijah Ledesma 3 2-2 11, Elijah Smith 2 0-1 4, Elijah Rodarte 2 2-3 7, Ricky Baker 3 0-0 6, Kaden Johnson 2 1-3 5, Tanner Kinchen 1 0-0 2. Totals: 19 11-17 56.
Decatur 19 9 13 3 — 42
Cassopolis 17 18 8 13 — 56
3-point goals – Hartford 7 (Sinclair 3, Ledesma 3, Rodarte), Decatur 4 (Warkentien 2, Dear, Makowski). Technical Fouls: Decatur 2 (Slavings, bench).
Records – Hartford 8-7 SW 10, 9-8; Decatur 3-12, 4-13.

LAWRENCE 59, COUNTRYSIDE 33

Lawrence scorers — Brandon Lopez 18, Kaleb Smith 17, Bol Bak 11.
Records – Lawrence 6-6 BCS White, 7-11; Countryside 6-6, 7-9.
Complete results unavailable

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LANCERS

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including three to the Wildcats' Jalen Jones.

"We were pretty lackadaisical defensively the first half. We were kind of a step slow. I don't know what the problem was," said Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder. "We just didn't defend in the first half like we're capable of, and then our offensive execution, we were just stuck in the mud the whole half.

"That's too bad, because I really wanted to play well for a whole game. But that was a really good second half. We really played well."

Lakeshore heated up quickly in the third, outscoring Mattawan 21-3 in the quarter. The Wildcats might have been held scoreless if not for a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Thomas Martinic.

The offensive production continued in the fourth. By game's end, Lakeshore had outscored Mattawan 43-7 in the second half and upped its field goal percentage to 48 percent (25-of-52).

Schroeder noted that it was primarily the play of JJ Bushu who helped spark the Lancers both offensively and defensively in half two. Bushu scored 16 of his game-high 21 points in the half. He also added five assists, four steals and four rebounds.

Ben Brower had a good night for Lakeshore as well, finishing the night with 16 points, many of which came on easy layups off backdoor cuts.

Gavin Foster scored nine points and pulled in four rebounds, with fellow big man Dylan Clem adding five points and six rebounds. Ja'Kobe Young chipped in nine points.

Jones led Mattawan with 10 points.

Schroeder said he liked the play of Foster, his backup center.

"I was really proud of (Foster)," he said. "That was the best game he's played. He rebounded, he made a presence in the post and made some nice moves. He did a lot of good things."

"In the second half, everybody played well," added Schroeder. "Everybody contributed, and that was nice to see. It was a team effort, and defensively, they just didn't have an answer in the second half once we really started to defend well."

With just three games remaining on the schedule, the Lancers now sit tied atop the SMAC West standings with Portage Central, which fell to rival Portage Northern on Friday night.

If both teams win their upcoming divisional games next Friday, it will set up a division-deciding matchup at Lakeshore on March 3.

"We've got a big measuring stick game Tuesday against Kalamazoo Central," said Schroeder. "Then we obviously want to take care of business next Friday and maybe set up another game where you'll hopefully have a chance to win a conference championship."

In the girls game, Lakeshore (2-7 SMAC West, 6-12) played well in spurts.

The Lancers trailed the Wildcats by just a single point after the first, but Mattawan (4-5, 8-10) used a 14-6 second-quarter advantage to take a 21-12 lead into half.

From there, Lakeshore continued to chip away and trailed by just four entering the fourth. But Mattawan's Janelle Rupp opened the fourth quarter by hitting three consecutive 3-pointers that gave the Wildcats a 37-24 edge. That was all they'd need to keep the Lancers at bay.

"Last time we played Mattawan, we had a really poor first half," said Lakeshore coach Michael Clark. "We didn't shoot very well and gave up a bunch of baskets, but then almost outscored them in the second half. Tonight, it was a lot different in the sense that I thought we played more of our game.

"We kept it close throughout, and that was my goal. We've had some good fourth quarters the last week or so and pulled out some wins. I felt that if we could be close, we'd be able to pull out another win like we did the last three games."

Lakeshore had a balanced attack offensively, with four players scoring at least four points.

Morgan Tillman led the way with a double-double, scoring 10 points and adding 10 rebounds. Riley Pifer added seven points, with Ella Jeske and Sarah Moore each scoring four.

Hollee Hercik had just three points, but nabbed eight rebounds.

Rupp led the Wildcats with a game-high 14 points, with 6-foot-3 sophomore Adelaide Douglass adding 10 points and six rebounds.

The Lancers had trouble with turnovers all game. Lakeshore committed 22 on the night.

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Mattawan's Aidan Walsh, left and Michael Lampos defend against Lakeshore's Dylan Clem.

MATTAWAN 42, LAKESHORE 32

MATTAWAN (42)
Abigail Owens 1 0-0 3, Janelle Rupp 4 2-2 14, Natalie Martinic 1 0-0 2, Olivia Eubank 1 0-0 3, Meya Vines 2 4-6 8, Yasmin Pirbhai 1 0-0 2, Adelaide Douglass 5 0-0 10. Totals: 15 6-8 42.
LAKESHORE (32)
Ella Jeske 2 0-0 4, Jayden Schmaltz 1 0-0 2, Sarah Moore 2 0-0 4, Morgan Tillman 4 2-3 10, Riley Pifer 3 0-0 7, Hollee Hercik 1 1-5 3, Gabby Conway 1 0-0 2. Totals: 14 3-10 32.
Matt 7 14 7 14 — 42
Lake 6 6 12 8 — 32
3-point goals – Lakeshore 1 (Pifer), Mattawan 6 (Rupp 4, Owens, Eubank). Rebounds – Lakeshore 41 (Tillman 10, Hercik 8), Mattawan 38 (Pirbhai 11). Assists – Lakeshore 7 (Hercik 3), Mattawan 6. Total fouls – Lakeshore 14, Mattawan 13. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Lakeshore 2-7 SMAC West, 6-12 ; Mattawan 4-5, 8-10.

LAKESHORE 63, MATTAWAN 32

MATTAWAN (32)
Andrew McNulty 1 2-2 4, Parker Miller 2 1-2 6, Colin DeBoer 0 0-1 0, Michael Lampos 1 0-0 2, Jalen Jones 3 1-2 10, Thomas Martinic 3 0-4 8, Jarod Hubbard 1 0-2 2. Totals: 11 4-13 32.
LAKESHORE (63)
Grant Ruddell 1 0-0 2, JJ Bushu 8 3-5 21, Ben Brower 7 2-2 16, Ja'Kobe Young 3 2-3 8, Gavin Foster 4 0-0 9, Dylan Clem 1 3-4 5, Seth Shiel 1 0-0 2. Totals: 25 10-14 63.
Matt 13 12 3 4 — 32
Lake 6 14 21 22 — 63
3-point goals – Lakeshore 3 (Bushu 2, Foster), Mattawan 6 (Miller, Jones 3, Martinic 2). Rebounds – Lakeshore 27 (Clem 6, Foster 5), Mattawan 24 (Martinic 5). Assists – Lakeshore 13 (Bushu 5, Clem 5), Mattawan 1. Total fouls – Lakeshore 13, Mattawan 14. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Lakeshore 7-1 SMAC West, 14-3 ; Mattawan 1-7, 2-15.

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SPLIT

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halftime aggressive on offense and forced Niles into making poor shot decisions while on defense. A Griffin Shinrock jumper capped a 12-0 start to the half as St. Joseph outscored Niles 23-8 in the third quarter to take a 40-30 lead into the fourth.

"We came out of halftime sharp on offense," St. Joseph boys coach Gregg Schaffer said. "We created some turnovers with our defense and stayed solid for the rest of the game. It was good to see and something we can build on."

The Bears led by as many as 15 points in the fourth. Josh Terry led the Bears with 13 points and Luke Hedstrom had nine.

Demarien Nichols had 15 points for Niles (1-7 SMAC West, 2-15) to lead all scorers. The loss was Niles' 12th straight loss of the season.

"We failed to execute at the intensity level defensively that we did in the first half," Niles coach Patrick Touhey said. "I told the boys at halftime that they played the best first half of defense we've had this season. In the second half, (St. Joseph) had really clean looks at the basket. We tend to fall into a funk in the second half and it happened again tonight. It's something that we have to continue to work on."

NILES 55, ST. JOSEPH 34

NILES (55)
Alycia Patterson 5 5-5 18, Amara Palmer 4 8-12 17, Alexis Rauch 4 0-0 9, Morgan Warren 2 1-2 5, Sydney Skarbek 1 0-0 2, Reese Davies 1 0-0 2, Bailey Bickel 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 14-19 55.
ST. JOSEPH (34)
Alex Malone 3 5-9 11, Emma Inman 4 0-1 10, Symone King 2 0-0 4, Leah Barlow 1 0-0 2, Eleah Hedstrom 1 0-1 2, Jocelyn Ippel 1 0-0 2, Cailynn Junk 1 0-2 2, Reese Uzelac 0 1-3 1. Totals: 13 6-16 34.
Niles 16 9 18 13 -- 55
St. Joe 13 9 3 9 -- 34
3-point goals – Niles 5 (A. Patterson 3, Palmer, Rauch), St. Joe 2 (Inman 2). Total fouls – Niles 18, St. Joe 15. Fouled out – Niles 2 (Rauch, Davies). Technical fouls – None.
Records – Niles 6-3 SMAC West, 9-9; St. Joe 7-2 SMAC West, 11-7.

ST. JOSEPH 55, NILES 42

ST. JOSEPH (55)
Josh Terry 4 4-4 13, Luke Hedstrom 4 0-1 9, Griffin Shinrock 3 0-0 6, Conner Wright 2 2-2 6, Brennen Kerns 1 3-4 5, Sam Simpson 1 2-4 4, Nick Borre 2 0-0 4, Grant Hardy 1 0-0 3, Andy Blomgren 1 1-2 3, Jeremiah Sterling 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 12-17 55.
NILES (42)
Demarien Nichols 5 3-4 15, Michael Gilcrese 2 3-6 7, Joe Bartkowiak 2 0-0 6, Jordan Jones 2 2-3 6, Dimetrius Butler 2 0-0 5, Brayden Lake 1 0-0 3. Totals: 14 8-13 42.
St. Joe 8 9 23 15 -- 55
Niles 10 12 8 12 -- 42
3-point goals – St. Joe 3 (Hedstrom, Hardy, Terry), Niles 6 (Nichols 2, Bartkowiak 2, Butler, Lake). Total fouls – Niles 16, St. Joe 12. Technical fouls – Niles (Bench). Fouled out – None.
Records – St. Joseph 4-4 SMAC West, 6-11; Niles 1-7 SMAC West, 2-15.

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Eberle, Islanders beat Red Wings

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Jordan Eberle had a hat trick and the New York Islanders beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-1 on Friday night to snap a four-game skid.

It was the third three-goal game of Eberle's career and his first since April 9, 2017, when he was with the Edmonton Oilers.

Leo Komarov added a late empty-netter for the Islanders. Semyon Varlamov stopped 21 shots.

Anthony Mantha scored for Detroit, which became the first team this season to be eliminated from playoff contention.

New York outshot Detroit 13-2 in the first period and finished the game with a 39-22 advantage in shots.

Eberle completed the hat trick on a power play with 36.3 seconds left in the game. Eberle has 13 goals this season.

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SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

Saturday
Wrestling
Individual regionals
Division 2 at Vicksburg
Division 3 at Constantine
Division 4 at Mendon
Boys basketball
Holland Calvary at Watervliet, 5
Benton Harbor at River Rouge, 6
Bowling
Niles, Brandywine at Allegan Baker Tourney, 11
Competitive cheer
Districts
Division 2
St. Joseph, Lakeshore at Thornapple Kellogg, 4
Division 3
Berrien Springs, Buchanan, Coloma, Dowagiac, South Haven at Paw Paw, 5
Division 4
Bloomingdale, Bronson, Hartford, Lake Michigan Catholic at Bronson, 10
College basketball
LMC women at Kalamazoo Valley CC, 1
LMC men at Kalamazoo Valley CC, 3
Monday
Boys basketball
Lake Michigan Catholic at Bridgman, 7:30
Girls basketball
River Valley at Hol. Black River, 7
College basketball
LMC men at Lansing CC, 7:30
LMC women at Lansing CC, 5:30

BOWLING

LAKESHORE LANES

DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL – Jon Utter 761 (278), Jason Utter 714 (247), Billy Hendrixson 714 (243), Dave Matheny 682 (246), Kevin Beckman 665 (226), Kevin Narregan 630 (225), Mark Kennedy 621 (234). Team: Maximum Mold 2712 (982).

STARLIGHTERS – Men: Tom Wise 698 (246), Jeremy Gitchell 610 (234), Kimball Dickenson 510. Women: Suzy Guzicki 558 (200), Gina Gitchell 554 (208), Sheryl Dickenson 541 (213). Team: It's Legal 1171 (424).

LAKESHORE LADIES – Melissa Utter 659 (258), Stephanie Zdanis 580 (203), Laura Bishop 571 (204), Carol Ashmead 550, Connie Koth 546 (203), Katie Lange 513, Amy Rochefort 507. Team: Warren Woods Cleaning 2122, Bowling B's (730).

KELLEY'S BOWL

WED. 6:30 PM MIXED (2-19) – Tim Mummaw 740, DJ Pepple 690, Ted Panagakos 689, Mark Pullins 682, Nathan Antio 675, Peter Falcone 659 (288), Norma Hasse 622 (228), Gina Gitchell 597, Heather Garrison 520. Team: Rumplepinz 2268 (797). Note: Norma Hasse first 600 series.

WED: 6:30 PM MIXED (2-12) – James Mummaw 766 (280), Matt Hendrixson 763 (280), Mark Pullins 750, Gavin Rosenthal 740, Nathan Doroh 709, Amber Fleisher 625 (218), Gina Gitchell 579, Desi Williams 531, Jennifer Rosenthal 513, Sonya Jackson 507.

LAKESHORE LASSIES – Tricia Morris 681 (258), Alanna Swetay 672 (235), Karyn Fricke 628 (228), Nicki Brose 600 (216), Di Evans 574 (213), Brandy Antonowitsch 531, Lisa Hendrixson 522, Jenny Bradford 517. Team: Bowling Besties 1107 (400).

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's boys scores

Adrian 51, Tecumseh 49
Adrian Madison 58, Ann Arbor Central Academy 44
Akron-Fairgrove 37, Owendale-Gagetown 34
Alba 66, Vanderbilt 33
Allegan 31, South Haven 21
Allendale 77, Grand Rapids West Catholic 59
Almont 57, Richmond 28
Armada 61, Imlay City 41
Auburn Hills Avondale 48, Rochester 40
Bad Axe 72, Vassar 31
Baldwin 48, Mesick 40
Bark River-Harris 53, Crystal Falls Forest Park 46
Battle Creek Harper Creek 57, Jackson Lumen Christi 56
Battle Creek Lakeview 52, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 51
Bay City All Saints 54, Caseville 41
Bay City John Glenn 47, Bay City Central 42
Beal City 62, Evart 42
Beaverton 74, Farwell 45
Bedford 54, Monroe 51
Belding 62, Wyoming Lee 7
Bellevue 64, Climax-Scotts 44
Berkley 53, Birmingham Seaholm 49
Berrien Springs 52, Comstock 36
Big Rapids 56, Reed City 53
Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy 71, Walkerville 63
Birmingham Groves 75, Rochester Adams 39
Blissfield 61, Onsted 50
Boyne City 67, Grayling 30
Brethren 69, Bear Lake 33
Bridgeport 63, Saginaw Swan Valley 30
Brown City 54, Ubly 31
Brownstown Woodhaven 47, Allen Park 40
Buchanan 54, Niles Brandywine 44
Burr Oak 45, Tekonsha 37
Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy 64, Mackinaw City 31
Burton Bendle 91, Burton Atherton 45
Calumet 57, Gwinn 45
Camden-Frontier 90, Jackson Christian 63
Canton 58, Plymouth 57
Carleton Airport 43, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 26
Carney-Nadeau 87, Iron Mountain North Dickinson 64
Carson City-Crystal 71, Ashley 22
Carson City-Crystal 71, Ashley 22
Carsonville-Port Sanilac 57, Kinde-North Huron 55
Cass City 62, Harbor Beach 59
Cedar Springs 47, Lowell 41
Centreville 86, Bangor 51
Charlevoix 62, Harbor Springs 39
Chesaning 68, Montrose 55
Clarkston 63, Ferndale 48
Coldwater 56, Battle Creek Pennfield 52
Coleman 68, Merrill 37
Coloma 62, Gobles 47
Croswell-Lexington 59, Algonac 12
DeTour 58, Newberry 40
DeWitt 62, Holt 47
Dearborn Fordson 40, Livonia Franklin 37
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 66, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 52
Decatur 38, Hartford 15
Detroit Pershing 109, Detroit Old Redford 88
Dexter 47, Chelsea 41, OT
Dollar Bay 72, Republic-Michigamme 33
Dryden 65, Genesee 24
Durand 39, Otisville Lakeville 34
East Kentwood 85, Grandville 56
East Lansing 72, Grand Ledge 57
Eaton Rapids 74, Portland 33
Elk Rapids 41, Kalkaska 36
Ellsworth 76, Wolverine 51
Engadine 82, Brimley 77
Erie-Mason 74, Hillsdale 50
Essexville Garber 64, Alma 58
Ewen-Trout Creek 70, Baraga 51
Farmington 80, Oxford 77
Fife Lake Forest Area 78, Traverse City Christian 66
Flat Rock 52, New Boston Huron 51, OT
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 61, Flint Powers 58
Flint Hamady 67, Morrice 57, 2OT
Flushing 56, Swartz Creek 48
Frankenmuth 65, Freeland 23
Fulton-Middleton 55, Portland St. Patrick 41
Gaylord St. Mary 57, Indian River-Inland Lakes 33
Grand Blanc 92, Davison 46
Grand Haven 61, Caledonia 59
Grand Rapids Catholic Central 81, Sparta 55
Grand Rapids Christian 68, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 62
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 66, Hopkins 61
Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 80, Greenville 53
Grand River Prep 56, Holland Calvary 53
Grand Traverse Academy 48, Petoskey 33
Hamilton 57, Byron Center 50
Hanover-Horton 81, Vandercook Lake Jackson 47
Harbor Springs 67, Boyne Falls 63
Hartland 38, Novi 34
Hillsdale Academy 57, Pittsford 32
Holland Christian 66, Holland 59
Holland West Ottawa 46, Grand Rapids Northview 40
Holly 57, Flint Kearsley 49
Hudsonville 61, Rockford 42
Hudsonville Unity Christian 55, Zeeland West 44
Ionia 61, Lansing Catholic 59
Iron Mountain 87, Hancock 29
Jenison 65, Fruitport 62
Johannesburg-Lewiston 50, Bellaire 29
Jonesville 46, Springport 32
Kalamazoo Hackett 58, Constantine 57
Kent City 75, Hesperia 21
Kingsley 61, Buckley 47
Kingston 70, Peck 38
L'Anse Creuse 71, Flint International 54
Lake City 49, McBain 38
Lake Orion 57, Bloomfield Hills 53
Lansing Sexton 59, Charlotte 38
Leland 58, Suttons Bay 44
Leslie 64, Vermontville Maple Valley 43
Lincoln Park 61, Dearborn Edsel Ford 54
Lincoln-Alcona 52, Atlanta 46
Linden 79, Fenton 53
Livonia Stevenson 89, Livonia Churchill 71
Ludington 55, Muskegon Heights 45
Mancelona 80, Onaway 52
Manton 61, Houghton Lake 53
Maple City Glen Lake 75, Frankfort 67
Marcellus 72, Bloomingdale 63
Marcellus Howardsville Christian 81, Covert 17
Mason 43, Fowlerville 32
Mason County Eastern 48, Marion 30
Mayville 70, Deckerville 57
Menominee 84, Gladstone 76
Michigan Center 45, Napoleon 32
Midland Bullock Creek 50, St. Charles 33
Midland Calvary Baptist 43, State Line Christian 38
Midland Dow 66, Bay City Western 41
Milford 37, Walled Lake Western 17
Montague 45, Shelby 33
Morenci 62, Ottawa Lake Whiteford 47
Morley-Stanwood 70, White Cloud 48
Mount Pleasant 63, Saginaw 40
Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart 63, Blanchard Montabella 40
Muskegon Orchard View 83, Manistee 45
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 53, Muskegon Catholic Central 32
New Buffalo 47, St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic 27
New Lothrop 61, Byron 55
Newaygo 76, Howard City Tri-County 61
North Central 75, Norway 66, OT
North Muskegon 68, Hart 47
Northville 53, Howell 44
Oakridge High School 52, Whitehall 37
Olivet 54, Lansing Christian 45
Onekama 67, Benzie Central 40
Ontonagon 58, Chassell 55
Ortonville Brandon 68, Corunna 36
Ovid-Elsie 69, Mount Morris 49
Painesdale Jeffers 55, Lake Linden-Hubbell 44
Parma Western 61, Marshall 54
Pellston 90, Central Lake 57
Pentwater 55, Manistee Catholic Central 41
Petersburg Summerfield 62, Clinton 45
Pewamo-Westphalia 62, Bath 42
Pickford 50, Cedarville 46
Pinconning 68, Gladwin 52
Plainwell 64, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 61
Plymouth Christian 55, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 43
Pontiac Academy for Excellence 73, Detroit Frontier 49
Portage Northern 69, Portage Central 66
Quincy 71, Concord 46
Rapid River 76, Rock Mid Peninsula 66
Ravenna 63, Mason County Central 51
Reading 59, Bronson 45
Redford Thurston 48, Redford Union 34
Reese 72, Caro 47, OT
Richland Gull Lake 91, Kalamazoo Central 88, 2OT
Rogers City 44, Hillman 38
Romulus 70, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 48
Roscommon 65, Leroy Pine River 59
Royal Oak 58, Pontiac Northern 56
Rudyard 63, St. Ignace LaSalle 28
Saginaw Arthur Hill 78, Saginaw Heritage 73
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 59, Millington 42
Saginaw Nouvel 53, Ithaca 44
Saline 49, Ann Arbor Skyline 47
Sand Creek 55, Britton-Deerfield 42
Sandusky 53, Marlette 38
Sanford-Meridian 59, Shepherd 57
Sault Ste Marie 48, Cheboygan 44
Schoolcraft 84, Galesburg-Augusta 23
Southgate Anderson 63, Trenton 28
St. Joseph 55, Niles 42
Standish-Sterling 57, Birch Run 33
Stanton Central Montcalm 48, Remus Chippewa Hills 40
Stockbridge 53, Lake Odessa Lakewood 42
Taylor Trillium Academy 79, Hope of Detroit 37
Three Lakes, Wis. 84, Watersmeet 67
Three Oaks River Valley 49, St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 33
Three Rivers 50, Dowagiac Union 48
Traverse City St. Francis 59, East Jordan 43
Troy 61, Troy Athens 49
Walled Lake Northern 41, South Lyon East 40
Warren Michigan Collegiate 71, Mount Clemens 70
Waterford Mott 78, Walled Lake Central 38
West Bloomfield 67, Oak Park 56
West Branch Ogemaw Heights 70, Tawas 42
West Michigan Aviation 67, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 53
Westland John Glenn 73, Dearborn 67
White Pigeon 56, Mendon 46
Whittemore-Prescott 46, Fairview 41
Williamston 57, Haslett 52
Wyandotte Roosevelt 61, Gibraltar Carlson 57
Wyoming 81, East Grand Rapids 66
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 63, Holland Black River 23
Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran 38, GR Sacred Heart 35
Ypsilanti Lincoln 67, Ypsilanti 60
Zeeland East 66, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 55

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Allegan 31, South Haven 21
Allen Park Cabrini 62, Summit Academy North 57
Almont 57, Richmond 28
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 51, Ann Arbor Greenhills 38
Battle Creek Harper Creek 65, Jackson Lumen Christi 38
Battle Creek Lakeview 72, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 34
Battle Creek Pennfield 50, Coldwater 49
Bay City John Glenn 59, Bay City Central 23
Bedford 49, Monroe 31
Belding 62, Wyoming Lee 7
Berkley 44, North Farmington 36
Berrien Springs 41, Comstock 25
Big Rapids 52, Reed City 29
Birmingham Seaholm 37, Ferndale 26
Boyne City 45, Grayling 32
Bridgeport 57, Saginaw Swan Valley 50
Brownstown Woodhaven 42, Allen Park 33
Burton Bendle 41, Burton Atherton 21
Byron 57, New Lothrop 25
Byron Center 59, Hamilton 50
Cadillac 55, Alpena 35
Caledonia 46, Grand Haven 34
Cedar Springs 49, Lowell 40
Centreville 59, Bangor 27
Charlevoix 55, Harbor Springs 28
Charlotte 59, Lansing Sexton 26
Comstock Park 41, Coopersville 37
Corunna 49, Ortonville Brandon 38
Croswell-Lexington 53, Algonac 43
Davison 40, Grand Blanc 26
Dearborn 47, Westland John Glenn 22
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 41, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 36
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 36, Romulus 26
Decatur 38, Hartford 15
Delton Kellogg 51, Lawton 22
Detroit Edison(DEPSA) 51, Saginaw Heritage 33
Dexter 47, Chelsea 41
Durand 23, Otisville Lakeville 18
East Grand Rapids 76, Wyoming 30
East Kentwood 71, Grandville 26
East Lansing 76, Grand Ledge 40
Essexville Garber 46, Alma 40
Fenton 60, Linden 32
Flint Beecher 60, Burton Bentley 37
Flint Hamady 63, Morrice 54, 2OT
Flint Kearsley 45, Holly 37
Fowlerville 47, Mason 43, OT
Freeland 43, Frankenmuth 39
Fremont 44, Grant 37
Gobles 46, Coloma 20
Goodrich 45, Kingsley 33
Grand Rapids Christian 59, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 30
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 54, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 50
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 50, Hopkins 46
Grand Rapids Union 44, Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 26
Grand Rapids West Catholic 57, Allendale 17
Greenville 42, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 39
Hemlock 63, Carrollton 33
Holland Black River 52, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 38
Holt 44, DeWitt 41
Howard City Tri-County 65, Newaygo 52
Howell 58, Northville 31
Hudsonville 67, Rockford 63
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Ithaca 33, Saginaw Nouvel 26
Jackson 58, Pinckney 46
Kalamazoo Hackett 55, Constantine 43
Kent City 71, Hesperia 35
Kingsford 60, Iron Mountain 43
Lansing Catholic 52, Ionia 48
Lansing Christian 46, Olivet 42
Lansing Waverly 65, Lansing Everett 47
Lapeer 45, Saginaw Arthur Hill 36
Leslie 50, Vermontville Maple Valley 31
Lincoln Park 58, Dearborn Edsel Ford 34
Livonia Churchill 53, Livonia Stevenson 50
Ludington 54, Muskegon Heights 6
Manistee 54, Muskegon Orchard View 16
Martin 51, Fennville 38
Mattawan 42, Stevensville Lakeshore 32
Midland Dow 56, Bay City Western 31
Morley-Stanwood 43, White Cloud 25
Mount Pleasant 59, Saginaw 33
Muskegon Mona Shores 48, Muskegon 42
Muskegon Western Michigan Christian 49, Muskegon Catholic Central 25
Negaunee 43, Westwood 33
Niles 55, St. Joseph 34
Ojibwe Charter 61, Hannahville Indian 8
Otsego 49, Paw Paw 30
Ovid-Elsie 55, Mount Morris 37
Parchment 36, Bridgman 32
Parma Western 41, Marshall 31
Petoskey 57, Gaylord 41
Plainwell 58, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 57
Plymouth 45, Canton 18
Portage Central 56, Portage Northern 8
Portland 46, Eaton Rapids 41
Quincy 50, Concord 31
Reading 45, Bronson 38
Redford Thurston 38, Redford Union 26
Richland Gull Lake 54, Kalamazoo Central 52
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 64, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 36
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 54, Millington 26
Saginaw Valley Lutheran 67, St. Louis 31
Saline 56, Ann Arbor Skyline 16
Schoolcraft 63, Galesburg-Augusta 25
Springport 55, Jonesville 27
St. Charles 43, Midland Bullock Creek 36
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Standish-Sterling 45, Birch Run 35
Stockbridge 81, Lake Odessa Lakewood 36
Three Rivers 64, Dowagiac Union 20
Traverse City St. Francis 55, East Jordan 23
Trenton 49, Southgate Anderson 19
Walled Lake Western 51, Milford 29
Wayne Memorial 66, Belleville 26
White Pigeon 39, Mendon 17
Whitmore Lake 57, Livonia Clarenceville 29
Williamston 45, Haslett 44
Wyandotte Roosevelt 60, Gibraltar Carlson 52
Wyoming Potter's House Christian 40, West Michigan Aviation 22
Yale 40, North Branch 37
Zeeland East 40, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 29

MAC Tournament
Blue/Gold Division Fifth Place
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 46, L'Anse Creuse 38
Non-Qualifier Round
Fraser 38, Clinton Township Clintondale 15
Sterling Heights Stevenson 36, Roseville 22
Warren Fitzgerald HS 47, Madison Heights Madison 29
Red/White Division Fifth Place
Utica 45, Utica Eisenhower 43
Red/White Division Third Place
Grosse Pointe South 68, Macomb Dakota 52
Silver/Bronze Division Fifth Place
Hazel Park 38, Warren Mott 29
Silver/Bronze Division Seventh Place
Madison Heights Lamphere 43, New Haven 28

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	15	.732	—
Boston	39	16	.709	1½
Phila.	35	21	.625	6
Brooklyn	25	29	.463	15
New York	17	39	.304	24

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	20	.636	—
Orlando	24	32	.429	11½
Washington	20	34	.370	14½
Charlotte	19	36	.345	16
Atlanta	16	41	.281	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	47	8	.855	—
Indiana	33	23	.589	14½
Chicago	19	37	.339	28½
Detroit	19	39	.328	29½
Cleveland	15	40	.273	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	35	20	.636	—
Dallas	34	22	.607	1½
Memphis	28	27	.509	7
San Antonio	24	31	.436	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	12

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	18	.679	—
Utah	36	19	.655	1½
Oklahoma City	34	22	.607	4
Portland	25	31	.446	13
Minnesota	16	38	.296	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Sacramento	22	33	.400	20
Phoenix	22	34	.393	20½
Golden State	12	44	.214	30½

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 126, Detroit 106
Atlanta 129, Miami 124
Charlotte 103, Chicago 93
Phila. 112, Brooklyn 104, OT
Sacramento 129, Memphis 125
Houston 135, Golden State 105
Friday's Games
Dallas 122, Orlando 106
Cleveland 113, Washington 108
Indiana 106, New York 98
Toronto 118, Phoenix 101
Boston 127, Minnesota 117
Oklahoma City 113, Denver 101
San Antonio 113, Utah 104
Memphis at L.A. Lakers
New Orleans at Portland
Saturday's Games
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phila. at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 9 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	61	38	11	12	88	201	147
Tampa Bay	61	40	16	5	85	218	164
Toronto	62	32	22	8	72	217	204
Florida	61	32	23	6	70	214	207
Montreal	63	28	27	8	64	191	195
Buffalo	60	27	25	8	62	175	190
Ottawa	61	21	29	11	53	164	209
Detroit	63	15	44	4	34	128	236

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	59	37	16	6	80	196	158
Washington	60	37	17	6	80	211	184
Philadelphia	61	34	20	7	75	202	181
N.Y. Islanders	60	34	20	6	74	172	163
Columbus	62	30	19	13	73	159	159
Carolina	60	34	22	4	72	195	169
N.Y. Rangers	60	32	24	4	68	200	186
New Jersey	60	23	27	10	56	164	208

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	62	35	17	10	80	196	173
Dallas	61	35	20	6	76	165	158
Colorado	59	34	18	7	75	209	165
Winnipeg	62	32	25	5	69	190	185
Nashville	60	29	23	8	66	191	193
Minnesota	59	28	24	7	63	180	190
Chicago	61	27	26	8	62	181	195

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	62	32	22	8	72	197	188
Edmonton	60	32	21	7	71	191	185
Vancouver	60	32	22	6	70	194	184
Calgary	61	31	24	6	68	180	190
Arizona	64	30	26	8	68	174	171
San Jose	60	26	30	4	56	156	196
Anaheim	60	24	29	7	55	156	190
Los Angeles	61	22	34	5	49	153	197

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Games
Toronto 4, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 4, Washington 3, OT
New Jersey 2, San Jose 1
Philadelphia 4, Columbus 3, OT
Winnipeg 5, Ottawa 1
St. Louis 1, Arizona 0
Vegas 5, Tampa Bay 3
Los Angeles 5, Florida 4
Friday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 5, Carolina 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Detroit 1
St. Louis 5, Dallas 1
Chicago 2, Nashville 1, OT
Boston at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton
Colorado at Anaheim
Saturday's Games
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Florida at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Winnipeg at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
San Jose vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Vegas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

N.Y. ISLANDERS 4, DETROIT 1

Detroit	**0**	**0**	**1**	**—**	**1**
N.Y. Islanders	**1**	**1**	**2**	**—**	**4**

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 11 (Pulock, Lee), 5:45. Penalties—Larkin, Det (Elbowing), 10:41; Dal Colle, NYI (High Sticking), 14:02; Erne, Det (Slashing), 17:22.
Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 12 (Beauvillier, Barzal), 17:02. Penalties—Biega, Det (Cross Checking), 18:08.
Third Period—3, Detroit, Mantha 13 (Green, Athanasiou), 17:25 (pp). 4, N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 13 (Barzal, Greene), 19:23 (pp). 5, N.Y. Islanders, Komarov 4 (Nelson, Bailey), 19:53 (en). Penalties—Green, Det (Delay of Game), 11:31; Ladd, NYI (Tripping), 15:56; Larkin, Det (Tripping), 17:30.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 2-12-8—22. N.Y. Islanders 13-21-6—40.
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 1 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 5.
Goalies—Detroit, Bernier 13-17-2 (39 shots-36 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Varlamov 17-12-4 (22-21).
A—0 (13,917). T—2:33.
Referees—Tom Chmielewski, Graham Skilliter. Linesmen—Darren Gibbs, Kory Nagy.

CHICAGO 2, NASHVILLE 1

Nashville	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**—** **1**
Chicago	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**—** **2**

First Period—None. Penalties—Duchene, Nas (Slashing), 2:47; Koekkoek, Chi (Tripping), 7:56; Forsberg, Nas (Interference on breakaway (Penalty Shot)), 9:14; Arvidsson, Nas (Cross Checking), 18:07.
Second Period—1, Nashville, Ekholm 8 (Grimaldi, Blackwell), 14:56. Penalties—Keith, Chi (Holding), 12:25; Koekkoek, Chi (Interference), 15:27; Keith, Chi (Hooking), 16:14.
Third Period—2, Chicago, DeBrincat 15 (Kane, Keith), 9:05 (pp). Penalties—Koekkoek, Chi (Tripping), 5:56; Johansen, Nas (Hooking), 6:27; Forsberg, Nas (Tripping), 7:38.
Overtime—3, Chicago, DeBrincat 16 (Keith), 4:02. Penalties—None.
Shots on Goal—Nashville 10-20-10-3—43. Chicago 12-9-16-1—38.
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 5; Chicago 1 of 4.
Goalies—Nashville, Rinne 18-13-3 (38 shots-36 saves). Chicago, Crawford 10-16-3 (43-42).
A—0 (19,717). T—2:27.
Referees—Ghislain Hebert, Chris Lee. Linesmen—Steve Barton, Devin Berg.

GOLF

WGC-Mexico Championship Par Scores
Friday
Chapultepec Golf Course
Mexico City, Mexico
Purse: $10.5 million
Yardage: 7,345; par 71 (35-36)
Second Round

Bryson DeChambeau	68-63—131	-11
Erik van Rooyen	70-62—132	-10
Patrick Reed	69-63—132	-10
Hideki Matsuyama	69-64—133	-9
Justin Thomas	67-66—133	-9
Rory McIlroy	65-69—134	-8
Sebastián Muñoz	71-66—137	-5
Tyrrell Hatton	69-68—137	-5
Paul Casey	69-68—137	-5
Corey Conners	68-70—138	-4
Lee Westwood	69-70—139	-3
Kevin Na	71-68—139	-3
Matthias Schwab	71-68—139	-3
Billy Horschel	68-71—139	-3
Bubba Watson	67-72—139	-3
Louis Oosthuizen	68-71—139	-3
Tommy Fleetwood	70-69—139	-3
Gary Woodland	70-69—139	-3
Zach Murray	71-69—140	-2
Ryan Fox	72-68—140	-2
Abraham Ancer	70-70—140	-2
Danny Willett	73-68—141	-1
Jon Rahm	72-69—141	-1
Zander Lombard	73-68—141	-1
Shane Lowry	72-69—141	-1
Lanto Griffin	72-69—141	-1
Sungjae Im	69-72—141	-1
Collin Morikawa	72-70—142	E
Justin Harding	71-71—142	E
Matthew Fitzpatrick	72-70—142	E
Adam Scott	74-68—142	E
Rafa Cabrera Bello	71-71—142	E
Kevin Kisner	73-69—142	E
Matt Kuchar	75-67—142	E
Branden Grace	71-71—142	E
Benjamin Hebert	73-70—143	+1
Scottie Scheffler	73-70—143	+1
Carlos Ortiz	75-68—143	+1
Jason Kokrak	73-70—143	+1
Shaun Norris	75-68—143	+1
Brendon Todd	72-71—143	+1
Robert MacIntyre	76-68—144	+2
Marc Leishman	74-70—144	+2
Shugo Imahira	74-70—144	+2
Lucas Glover	71-73—144	+2
Byeong Hun An	75-69—144	+2
Xander Schauffele	72-72—144	+2
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	72-72—144	+2
Chez Reavie	71-73—144	+2
Lucas Herbert	75-70—145	+3
Webb Simpson	72-73—145	+3
Brandt Snedeker	76-69—145	+3
Pablo Larrazabal	71-74—145	+3
Kurt Kitayama	76-70—146	+4
Bernd Wiesberger	70-76—146	+4
Sergio Garcia	74-72—146	+4
Jazz Janewattananond	73-73—146	+4
Cameron Smith	73-73—146	+4
Francesco Molinari	72-74—146	+4
Jordan Spieth	74-73—147	+5
Scott Hend	72-75—147	+5
Dustin Johnson	76-71—147	+5
Charles Howell III	75-74—149	+7
Michael Lorenzo-Vera	76-73—149	+7
Marcus Kinhult	75-74—149	+7
Graeme McDowell	76-74—150	+8
Victor Perez	81-70—151	+9
Matt Wallace	74-77—151	+9
Jorge Campillo	77-74—151	+9
Sung Kang	76-76—152	+10
Ryo Ishikawa	80-72—152	+10
Tae Hee Lee	80-73—153	+11

Puerto Rico Open
Friday
Coco Beach Golf & Country Club
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,569; par 72 (36-36)
Second Round

Kyle Stanley	64-70—134	-10
Josh Teater	66-68—134	-10
Emiliano Grillo	66-68—134	-10
Viktor Hovland	68-66—134	-10
Sam Ryder	70-65—135	-9
David Lingmerth	71-65—136	-8
Ben Martin	70-66—136	-8
Rhein Gibson	66-70—136	-8
Martin Laird	67-69—136	-8
Robert Streb	69-68—137	-7
Chris Couch	66-71—137	-7
Wes Roach	67-70—137	-7
Rob Oppenheim	69-68—137	-7
Adam Schenk	72-65—137	-7
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	68-69—137	-7
Shawn Stefani	72-65—137	-7
Sebastian Cappelen	72-65—137	-7
Peter Uihlein	66-71—137	-7

American women seek more than $66M in damages from U.S. Soccer

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

Players on the U.S. women's national team are seeking more than $66 million in damages as part of their gender discrimination lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation.

The damages were included in slew of papers filed Thursday night in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles ahead of a trial scheduled to start May 5.

Among the documents filed were the separate collective bargaining agreements of the U.S. men's and women's teams, which had not previously been made public.

Players on the women's national team sued the federation last March alleging institutionalized gender discrimination that includes inequitable compensation between the men's and women's teams.

Each side in the class-action lawsuit asked for a summary judgment in their favor. The estimate of damages, including interest, was provided by Finnie Bevin Cook, an economist from Deiter Consulting Group, which was retained by the suing players.

The collective bargaining agreements showed a disparity in bonuses but also highlighted the different pay structures between the two teams.

"Women's national team players are paid differently because they specifically asked for and negotiated a completely different contract than the men's national team, despite being offered, and rejecting, a similar pay-to-play agreement during the past negotiations," U.S. Soccer said in a statement. "Their preference was a contract that provides significant additional benefits that the men's national team does not have, including guaranteed annual salaries, medical and dental insurance, paid child-care assistance, paid pregnancy and parental leave, severance benefits, salary continuation during periods of injury, access to a retirement plan, multiple bonuses and more."

Molly Levinson, spokeswoman for the plaintiffs, disputed the federation's assertions.

"In the most recent CBA negotiation, USSF repeated

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Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Skiing into the light

Program helps the blind learn to cross-country ski

By DIANA PAIZ ENGLE
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

There were so many people greeting each other with hugs and excitement one recent winter afternoon at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center that people wandering into the Roscommon facility might have thought they had stumbled into a family reunion.

Instead, it was not a family reunion but the beginning of the Michigan Ski for Light weekend of cross-country skiing for people with vision or mobility disabilities.

"We don't shake hands, we hug," said Geri Feigelson, vice president of Michigan Ski for Light, an all-volunteer organization that matches guides with skiers who are known as VIPs (vision-impaired participants) or MIPs (mobility-impaired participants).

With a legacy that goes back more than 40 years, the organization's annual ski weekend is a large gathering whose success comes from the connections and efforts of families, friends, community organizations and the DNR.

Michigan Ski for Light has its origins in the late 1970s.

Using a variety of Lansing-area locations, including Sleepy Hollow State Park in Clinton County, early organizer Harold Brunvand brought together friends, volunteers and the Sons of Norway to teach cross-country skiing to students from the Michigan School for the Blind.

According to Michigan Ski for Light's history, former Michigan First Lady Helen Milliken was among those volunteers. By the early 1980s, the organization began skiing at North Higgins Lake State Park in Crawford County and became a regional chapter of Ski for Light.

John Root, one of the few remaining members of that founding group, attended this year's Michigan Ski for Light event at the DNR's RAM center. He sat down to talk with a novice VIP as some of the weekend's nearly 100 attendees danced while a DJ played music.

"If you were to go out and talk with the average person on the street and ask, 'Would you believe that people who are blind can cross-country ski?' they would answer, 'I never thought they could,'" he said.

Sometimes, people with disabilities are led to believe these same limiting misconceptions.

"I thought this type of sport was a no-go for me," said Austin Zell, after her first Michigan Ski for Light weekend. She was one of the event's mobility-impaired participants.

"It was really nice to experience something that anywhere else I probably wouldn't have," she said. "I probably would have cried, if my eyes hadn't been frozen!"

So how is it done exactly?

There is a different process for VIPs and MIPs.

Guides are matched with VIPs based on factors that

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Photo provided / Michael Shelton

A male harlequin duck at St. Joseph on Feb. 17.

Harlequin duck makes winter cameo appearance

A male harlequin duck was located on Feb. 16 in the waters off the St. Joseph North Pier by David Ferris of Buchanan. Since the initial sighting, the bird has been seen by two dozen birdwatchers over two days. The bird had been relocated on Feb. 19 off Silver Beach by Derek Pelc of Love Creek County Park.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The harlequin duck is an uncommon but annual visitor to Berrien County. An average of one to five are seen per calendar year, usually seen in Lake Michigan or in the St. Joseph or Galien River channels. I am unaware of any harlequin ducks in any inland waters in Berrien County, though they have been found inland elsewhere in Michigan on rare occasions.

The bird found by Ferris is a male that is molting from its winter or basic plumage of all brown with patches of white on the head and wings, into its summer or breeding plumage of slate-blue on head, neck and back with chestnut sides. The female harlequin duck looks like the male, but does not change is color plumage in summer. The male harlequin duck in summer plumage is quite striking, and rivals the beauty of our male wood duck.

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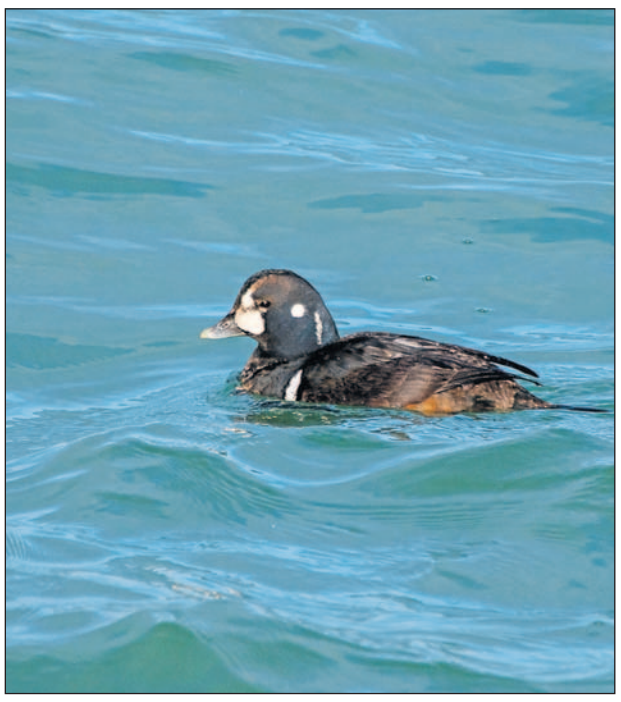

Photo provided / David Ferris

A male harlequin duck at St. Joseph on Feb. 16.

Let's get kids outdoors

Photo provided / Dave Mull

Taking kids fishing is a great way to make them a stakeholder in the outdoors, protecting it for the future.

Is anyone else out there concerned that many modern kids seem to have little connection to the outdoors?

If so, contact me. My email address is at the end of this column. Maybe we can network, brainstorm and put together a plan to get more kids involved in fishing, hunting and just general appreciation of nature.

I know for sure I have one ally. A young charter captain friend got ahold of me to talk about the situation. He said he's concerned because he doesn't see many adults taking kids fishing these days. For him, it's not a selfish attempt to build a client base for the future. He just thinks too many kids don't have the opportunity to discover how fun fishing can be.

He said his dad didn't fish, and his grandfather got him started, sitting with him on the bank of the Galien River. As a pre-teen, he discovered the wonders of river steelhead fishing, which led to a job in a local bait shop when he was just 14. This led to some good anglers taking him along on salmon trips.

Dave Mull

One of them insisted the kid set lines in the back of the boat, learning to use downriggers and other devices. If he got something wrong, the adult would show him how to do it right. Four years ago, he got licensed as a charter captain and is making a good living doing what he loves.

My friend didn't want me to mention his name just yet, but he has an idea of sorts to enroll some guys

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FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

More anglers were out on the ice; however, fluctuating temperatures by the weekend will deteriorate the ice once again. Extreme caution still needs to be used, as one group of anglers went through the ice in Allegan County.

St. Joseph River: Continues to produce a few walleye and steelhead. Most were fishing near the Berrien Springs Dam. Look for the steelhead bite with the warm-up.

Kalamazoo County: Some lakes had ice fishing, while others had variable ice thickness. Extreme caution needs to be used.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Continues to produce a few good runs of steelhead. Fish have been caught on jigs with wax worms, spawn and beads. Most are fishing near the 6th Street Dam and below. Walleye were caught off the wall and at Fulton Street. No big numbers, but steelhead still can be found in the Rogue River.

Grand River near Lansing: Few anglers have been out. Water levels near the North Lansing Dam were slightly high but fishable.

Kent County: Anglers were getting some bluegills on Murray Lake; however, caution needs to be used, especially on the north end.

Muskegon Lake: Small perch were caught in 8 to 12 feet off Cottage Grove. The pike action was good off Heritage Landing and Fisherman's Landing. Bluegills were caught in the northwest corner off the state park.

Muskegon River: Had decent steelhead fishing.

White Lake: Perch were caught on the west end. Look for walleye on the east end.

– Michigan DNR, Feb. 20

Warren Dunes State Park

Volunteer stewardship workdays: 1-4 p.m. Feb. 23, March 1 and 15 – meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21 and 28 – meet at the parking area at the Floral Lane entrance. Volunteers will help remove non-native woody bushes and vines from the state park. No experience is necessary and volunteers will be trained to identify target species. For more information contact Heidi Frei at freih@michigan.gov.

Sarett Nature Center

Junior naturalist: 10 a.m.-noon March 21. A club for kids ages 7-12 who are really interested in nature. Find out what it means to be a Sarett naturalist, learn about the animals of Sarett, and do projects. Other meetings April 18 and May 23. Cost is $6 per session. Call 927-4832 to register. Membership is required.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Andrea Wulf lecture: 2-3:30 p.m. March 22. Wulf, an award-winning author, will speak about scientist and explorer Alexander von Humboldt. Cost is $40 ($32 for members). Students free (registration required, bring student ID).

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Combo hunter safety/bow hunter safety class: 6-9 p.m. April 6-8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. April 11. Cost is $10, and all dates must be attended to receive certificates. Call Dan at 277-4789 to register.

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.colomarodandgunclub.com.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 6-10 p.m. March 12; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. March 15. Register from 6-7 p.m. March 10. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.

SKI REPORT

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — Latest skiing conditions, as supplied by SnoCountry Mountain Reports. Conditions are subject to change due to weather, skier/rider traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions. For more information go to www.snocountry.com

Bittersweet – Wed 5:12 pm MG machine groomed 20 – 26 base 20 of 20 trails 100 percent open, 8 of 12 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-10p; Fri: 10a-10:30p; Sat: 9a-10:30p; Sun: 9a-9p

Swiss Valley – Wed 9:04 am MG machine groomed 24 – 24 base 8 of 11 trails 73 percent open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-9:30p; Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-7p

Timber Ridge – Wed 9:05 am MG machine groomed 12 – 12 base 7 of 16 trails 44 percent open, 2 of 9 lifts, Tue/Wed: 10a-9p;Thu/Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-7p; Open Tue-Sun

Alpine Valley – Wed 5:04 pm MG machine groomed 12 – 18 base 18 of 25 trails 72 percent open, 4 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

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MULL

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with salmon boats and take local kids involved with the state's "Salmon in the Classroom" program out for a day of fishing. He knows it's not a wheel that needs to be reinvented. Capt. Dave Engle has been organizing anglers to take kids from Saugatuck schools out for a day of salmon and trout trolling for several years. I've gone along a couple of times and it's loads of fun to watch those kids catch some fish, many of them for the first time ever.

The thing that concerns me about kids not learning to fish and hunt is that without enjoying those sports, they might not have a reason to protect the woods and water from overdevelopment and pollution. Enjoying fishing and/or hunting makes kids a stakeholder in the outdoors. They realize that the outdoors is worth protecting and become willing to do their part.

Even if we can't come up with a plan for Southwest Michigan to get numbers of youth out and experiencing a fishing trip or sitting in the woods waiting for a squirrel to appear, we can at least form an "accountability group" and lend support to each other to work individually with a kid or two.

Over the years I've been able to mentor a kid now and then, either a neighbor, stepson, niece or nephew and take them fishing or hunting. To be honest, it's not something I want to do all the time – I enjoy the quiet solitude of being outside on my own. But if that opportunity to find quiet solitude is to last, we all better get some kids interested in protecting it. And I believe there is no better way to get kids connected with nature than by showing them how much fun outdoor pursuits can be.

Outdoors columnist Dave Mull lives in Paw Paw. Write to him at dave.sportfish.mull@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A Cooper's hawk on Feb. 13 in Bridgman.

WUEPPER

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Harlequin ducks breed on the coasts of Canada and Greenland, and winter along the eastern seaboard as far south as the Carolinas. A relatively small percentage winters on the Great Lakes.

The Harlequin duck is known for its preference of rough, turbulent streams in Canada for the fact they are food-rich. At their summer haunts, harlequin ducks have been known to walk on the bottom of swift moving streams while foraging for crustaceans, mollusks and aquatic insects. In winter, the species is often found at the edge of the breakwater at New Buffalo, partly because the water there is familiarly turbulent.

The harlequin duck is seen in Southwest Michigan sparingly between October and April. The majority of records come from annual Christmas Bird Count censuses. I have seen the species locally as late as the third week of March.

Brad Anderson provided a photo of a Cooper's hawk taken February 13, as the bird sat perched near his backyard feeders. Cooper's hawks are year-round residents in the region and are frequently seen near bird feeding stations in winter, where they try to pick of songbirds or small mammals for sustenance.

Anderson's most notable sighting this week was a common yellowthroat seen popping out of dense vegetation at the Kesling Preserve, located along Forest Lawn Road in Three Oaks Township.

The common yellowthroat is an abundant songbird in Southwest Michigan during the warm months, but winter records are few and far between. The common yellowthroat winters in the Southeastern U.S., and the earliest migrants do not return to Southwest Michigan until late April.

Anderson's sighting of this small warbler represents the second winter record of the species in Berrien County since 1985. I found one last winter at the Dayton Wet Prairie site along Curran Road in Bertrand Township.

Love Creek County Park naturalist Lamanda Hilty reported that an eastern phoebe made an appearance at the nature center feeders on Feb. 14. The phoebe is a member of the flycatcher family, and like the common yellowthroat, winters in the Southeastern U.S.

Though common here in from spring through fall, winter sightings of the eastern phoebe in Michigan usually involve one or two birds. Since 1962, there have been approximately a dozen sightings of the phoebe in Berrien County during December, January, and February. The first northbound migrants appear in the first days of March.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

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include experience level, endurance and weight. The most novice VIPs are matched with the most experienced guides.

Many teams include a third person, a less-experienced guide who learns guiding skills from the other team members.

Over 24 years as a guide, Gary Earnley has developed a successful routine with the goal to "make the experience of the skier as joyful as possible."

Earnley and the VIP he's guiding get to know each other, go over the equipment and discuss expectations and communication styles and preferences. Some examples include finding out whether the VIP wants to use left and right or clock-face directions or what amount of description of the surrounding environment the VIP wants.

"Skiing with VIPs is all about communication," Earnley said. "It's so important to describe what we're experiencing, as well as anticipating things that they may experience."

Guides and VIPs ski side by side in double tracks.

Beginners, and those who needed to get reacquainted with their skills, took the Nursery Trail. A bronze statue of a shirtless "CCC boy" watched them travel around the mostly flat, looped trail near the Higgins Lake Nursery/Civilian Conservation Corps Museum.

Intermediate and advanced skiers took a more challenging mile-long trail through the woods.

MIPs use a sit-ski, a frame on skis, and employ a double-pole technique to propel themselves forward. Their guides ski behind them.

Ted Ellickson, president of Michigan Ski for Light, is a MIP guide.

"I've had skiers who needed a tremendous amount of help at the beginning but by the end of the weekend, the end of the week or within a couple of years, need next to no help," he said.

Erin Bartolacci, an MIP who has attended Michigan Ski for Light for a decade, laughed about some of the lighthearted fun the MIPs and their guides have had on the trail.

"They flipped me over on purpose," she said. "I look forward to this every year. The guides are great."

Feigelson, a VIP, began as a novice skier nearly 30 years ago. She said Michigan Ski for Light is a great way for people with disabilities to meet new people, get outdoors and experience a sense of freedom.

"Have fun, leave work behind," she said, encouraging others. "It's a chance to feel what it's like on a pair of skis and accomplish something that they've not done before, maybe go outside their comfort zone."

Stretching beyond familiar limits is a common achievement for VIP and MIP guides. Over the years, many started guiding without any prior experience of interacting with people who were blind or used a wheelchair.

"I came to understand that people with disabilities are just people," said Linda Hoogterp, a second-year VIP guide.

Her friend, Pam Albright, also a second-year VIP guide, said the guides and skiers formed a community based on cross-country skiing, not disability.

"It's like kayaking, like downhill skiing," she said. "When you're with a group of people that you have that common interest with, that common bond with, you mesh differently than in a roomful of people that have absolutely nothing in common."

Michigan DNR photo

Participants enjoy a sunny afternoon at the recent Ski for Light event in Roscommon County.

Although, VIPs, MIPs, guides and other volunteers come from across the state to participate in the Michigan Ski for Light weekend, Ellickson said he thinks the event would never happen without the involvement and support of locals, including the Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions Club and the DNR.

"We come in one weekend a year, so the level of their commitment and effort is just astonishing," Ellickson said.

The Lions Club provides the opening-night dinner, snacks on the trails, a bonfire and transportation between the RAM Center and North Higgins Lake State Park.

Ellickson said the RAM Center is essentially a ski-in, ski-out facility that is affordable and can handle a group of 100-plus skiers.

Many people in Michigan Ski for Light can recall the time when then-RAM Center director Jim Scott came to the rescue after a local private cabin that usually housed the organization's college volunteers suddenly became unavailable. Scott hosted all the students at his own home.

The maintenance crew at North Higgins Lake State Park works with Bill Keith of Michigan Ski for Light. Keith acknowledged the staff there for many years of setting tracks and making sure the trails meet the needs of the VIPs and MIPs. One year, the park added a trailhead that allowed Michigan Ski for Light skiers and other recreational skiers a safe access to an intermediate trail.

"This is a group that proves that no matter how much you give, you get more in return," Ellickson said, including everyone who attends Michigan Ski for Light and the organizations' many partners.

Ellickson said the message of the annual event is the same today as it was more than 40 years ago: "Let's go out and have fun in the snow."

REPORT

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Bay Mountain – Wed Reopen 02/21 MG machine groomed 19 – 43 base 9 of 15 trails 60 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 12p-7p; Sat: 9a-7p;Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun

Big Powderhorn – Wed 4:09 pm MG machine groomed 30 – 60 base 40 of 44 trails 91 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Big Snow Resort – Wed 9:33 am MG machine groomed 35 – 60 base 30 of 56 trails 54 percent open, 240 acres, 4 of 15 lifts, sm Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p; Sun: 9a-4p

Boyne Highlands – Wed 8:49 am MG machine groomed 49 – 49 base 53 of 55 trails 96 percent open, 435 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p, Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9-4:30p

Boyne Mountain – Wed 8:51 am MG machine groomed 42 – 42 base 47 of 60 trails 78 percent open, 376 acres, 9 of 12 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4:30p; Feb 16-22: 9a-9p

Caberfae Peaks – Wed 8:52 am MG machine groomed 58 – 58 base 34 of 34 trails 100 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon: 10a-5p; Tue-Thu: 10a-8p; Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-8p

Cannonsburg – Wed 8:52 am variable machine groomed 48 – 48 base 20 of 22 trails 91 percent open, 3 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

Crystal Mountain – Wed 7:09 am MG machine groomed 48 – 56 base 58 of 58 trails 100 percent open, 98 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat/Sun: 9a-9p

Marquette – Wed 8:53 am packed powder machine groomed 18 – 18 base 27 of 27 trails 100 percent open, 4 of 4 lifts, Tue-Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 10a-8p; Sun: 10a-5p; Open Tue-Sun

Mont Ripley – Wed 9:12 am variable machine groomed 56 – 56 base 21 of 24 trails 88 percent open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Thu: 3p-9p; Fri: 1p-9p; Sat/Sun: 10a-5p

Mount Bohemia – Wed 8:53 am variable machine groomed 34 – 34 base 105 of 106 trails 99 percent open, 620 acres, 2 of 2 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10:30a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-5p

Mt Brighton – Wed 10:11 am MG machine groomed 38 – 38 base 25 of 25 trails 100 percent open, 130 acres, 9 of 13 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-8p

Mt Holiday – Wed 9:01 am MG machine groomed 12 – 12 base 6 of 12 trails 50 percent open, 3 of 4 lifts, Tue-Thu: 4p-8p;Fri: 4p-9p; Sat: 10a-9p Sun: 11a-7p; Open Tue-Sun

Mt Holly – Wed 9:02 am MG machine groomed 24 – 36 base 20 of 20 trails 100 percent open, 12 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

Mulligans Hollow – Operating no details Thu/Fri: 4p-8p; Sat/Sun: 11a-6p; Open Thu-Sun

Nubs Nob – Wed 8:50 am MG machine groomed 36 – 54 base 53 of 53 trails 100 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon, Wed/Thu: 9a-9p; Tue: 9a-4:30p; Fri: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sat: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sun: 9a-4:30p

Otsego Resort – Wed 4:52 pm MG machine groomed 26 – 26 base 30 of 30 trails 100 percent open, 6 of 6 lifts, Wed/Thu: 3:30p-8:30p; Fri: 12-8:30p; Sat: 9a-8:30p;Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun

Pine Knob – Wed 9:02 am MG machine groomed 24 – 24 base 17 of 17 trails 100 percent open, 10 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10ap-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

Pine Mountain – Wed 6:52 am MG machine groomed 54 – 180 base 33 of 33 trails 100 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon/Thu: 10a-4p;Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p; Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Mon

Shanty Creek – Wed 2:43 pm MG machine groomed 60 – 60 base 42 of 42 trails 100 percent open, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4:30p

Ski Brule – Wed 9:31 am MG machine groomed 48 – 56 base 17 of 17 trails 100 percent open, 150 acres, 5 of 12 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-4p/4:30a-7:30p; Sat: 9a-4p/4:30p-7:30p;Sun: 9a-4p

Snow Snake – Wed 9:30 am MG machine groomed 15 – 25 base 10 of 10 trails 100 percent open, 3 of 5 lifts, Mon-Thu: 3p-9p; Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 10a-9p; Sun: 10a-5p

Treetops – Wed 7:35 am 1 new MG machine groomed 20 – 35 base 23 of 23 trails 100 percent open, 80 acres, 3 of 5 lifts, Thu: 4p-8p; Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-5p; Feb 18/19: 9a-5p; Feb 20: 9a-8p; Open Thu-Sun

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Nailed it on the worry front

Lori Borgman

Our son is building a house. As his parents, we are pleased with this accomplishment, but it has also caused us sleepless nights and worry.

Probably because we know our son. Or at least the kid he was growing up. He was the one who assembled things without reading directions, the one who selectively applied himself in high school and splatter painted a pair of shoes in college and tried to convince us it was art.

Yep. That was the look we had, too. You do what you can.

Today, he is a registered architect. He's worked on small projects, big projects and his company jets him all around to check on all sorts of projects.

Why worry? He does modern, that's why. Sometimes modern is hard to understand.

His original house design involved using materials like burnt wood and weathered metal.

We asked why he wouldn't use new materials on a new house. We watch the home design channel; we know those materials are hip, but we asked anyway.

We also worry the roof is flat.

He says it's not flat, it has a slight incline.

Once it's finished, we'll probably drive by after the first heavy snow to see if the snow slid off or is piling on the roof and the roof about to collapse on his wife and kids, and we should evacuate them.

They are building in the middle of the woods, and we worry there are trees too close to the house, that the trees will one day be old and brittle and fall on the house.

He cites the species of the trees and says they will live many, many years.

We worry because the house has extremely large windows and we've seen the speeds his kids reach and how they ricochet off the walls.

He calmly says the glass is thick and the kids will be fine.

The other night I woke up wondering how expensive an insurance premium might be on a house with wood exterior. I decided to call our insurance company in the morning and ask a few questions. Not wanting anyone to know I was checking up on a grown son, I decided I wouldn't give my name.

The voice on the other end of the line answered and said, "Hello. Is this Lori?"

Caller ID. So much for remaining anonymous.

An agent fielded my

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Photo provided

The James E. Bonine House, built in the mid-1800s, still stands in Vandalia. Bonine set aside some of his vast land to be cleared and farmed by freedom seekers and freedmen. Freedom seekers also sought shelter at the house as they moved along the Underground Railroad.

A step back in time

Self-guided driving tour through Cass County highlights Underground Railroad sites

By JANE AMMESON
HP Correspondent

Many thousand years ago, receding glaciers left a series of small caverns hollowed out of the banks of the St. Joseph River. But it's much more recent history that I'm interested in as I descend the stone steps of Bear Cave.

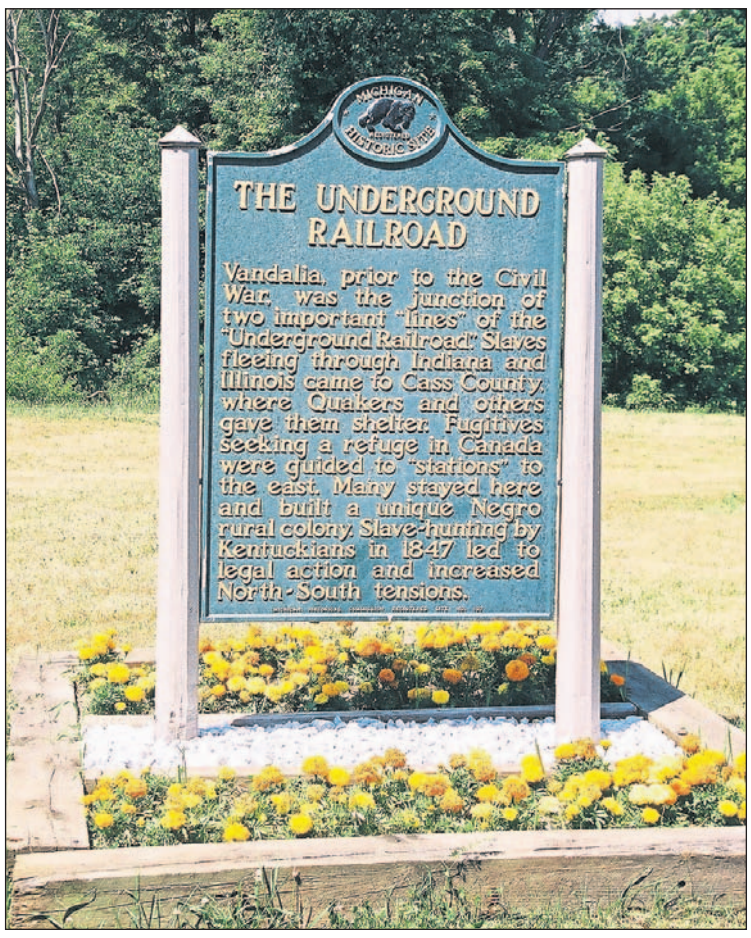
Water drips from the creek above, and an inch of water covers the floor, as our guide leads us into a 9-by-12-foot cavern known as the Slave Room.

The Buchanan cave, just a few miles from the Indiana stateline, may have been one of the first stops in Michigan for freedom seekers traveling the Underground Railroad.

Many were on their way to Canada, along a route leading through Cass County, where a large group of Quakers and abolitionists opened their homes as "stations" or safe havens on the Underground Railroad.

Now, driving along the two-lane roads that wind their way through this rural county, it's hard to believe that much ever happens here. It's all barns and farmhouses, small towns (several of them very charming), inland lakes and patches of woods separating large fields and meadows.

But beneath this pastoral placidity, there are reminders of a more violent past as Cass County is the site of a mostly forgotten battle called the Kentucky Raid.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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
Vandalia, prior to the Civil War, was the junction of two important "lines" of the "Underground Railroad." Slaves fleeing through Indiana and Illinois came to Cass County, where Quakers and others gave them shelter. Fugitives seeking a refuge in Canada were guided to "stations" to the east. Many stayed here and built a unique Negro rural colony. Slave-hunting by Kentuckians in 1847 led to legal action and increased North-South tensions.

Photo provided

A historical plague describes Vandalia's history with the Underground Railroad.

Kentucky slave owners, angry at abolitionists for harboring their "property," sent a group of armed men through Indiana and into Southwest Michigan. There they captured a group of escaped slaves. Before they could head south, however, some 200 abolitionists surrounded them.

Law was on the side of the Kentuckians, who agreed to have the case settled at the courthouse in Cassopolis. Judge Ebenezer McIlvaine, a secret abolitionist, demanded proof that Kentucky was a slave state before he'd return the freedom seekers to their "owners."

It took three days for someone to arrive with a copy of the state constitution. By then, all of the escaped slaves, with help from Cass County residents, had escaped again.

Though the courthouse was torn down, its 1899 Romanesque-style replacement with gables and a clock tower is still a monumental reminder of the Underground Railroad's history. The colorful "Sanctuary and Deliverance Mural" in the city's downtown helps visualize the Kentucky Raid in 1847.

Both are among the 19 stops on the Underground Railroad self-guided driving tour curated by the Underground Railroad Society of Cass County.

The tour includes Chain Lake Baptist Church on Chain Lake Street outside of Cassopolis. It's one of the oldest African American churches in Michigan. Some of its past members served during the Civil War and are buried in the church's cemetery.

Located about 7 miles east of Cassopolis in Vandalia, is the beautifully restored 1845 home that belonged to James Bonine, where many of the society's events take place.

In the process of being restored is Bonine's Gothic Revival Carriage house, built in 1850. Years later, cots, food and clothing were found here adding to documentation in determining it was a safe haven for freedom seekers.

Just outside Vandalia, a marker connotes the location of Ramptown. Named for the wild leeks

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Church's Facebook page explodes – with requests for the Illuminati

By JEAN HOPFENSPERGER
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

BURNSVILLE, Minn. — The Rev. Mike Lotzer became pastor of a Burnsville, Minn., church in 2017, and quickly discovered its Facebook page was wildly – and strangely – popular.

"There was a steady stream of people (posting) who wanted to connect to the Illuminati," said Lotzer, referring to an ancient secret society that remains a hot topic among conspiracy theorists.

"They would say 'I've been trying for years to get into the Illuminati,'" Lotzer said. "At one point we had to turn off our global settings because it was such a nuisance. But then we were having trouble connecting with our global missionary partners."

It turned out that these secret society fanatics, posting from across the nation and beyond, were confused by the church's name: Illumination Church.

The sometimes amusing Facebook threads turned into an annoyance, and last year the church changed its name. It's now the simple but clear Mercy Road Church.

The episode reveals the downside of the national trend for churches to creatively rebrand. The wrong name can prevent the faithful from even checking out the church, especially if it doesn't even sound Christian, the pastor said.

"It shows how very important it is to have the right name," Lotzer said. "We live in a sound bite age. You have to do the best you can with the shortest information to represent who you are. That's challenging."

Mercy Road is the third name carried by this Burnsville church in 11 years. The church, launched in 2009 under the name LifePrint Church, decided to abandon that name after its pastor was arrested for soliciting a prostitute and membership and morale plummeted.

Under its next pastor, the church chose to rebrand as Illumination Church, a reference to openness and light shining upon it, as opposed to hiding secrets, Lotzer said.

When Lotzer became pastor, he wasn't particularly troubled by the Illumination name, noting, "It sounded a little New Age, but I was fine with it."

But when he saw what was happening on Facebook, he began worrying about confusion on the opposite end

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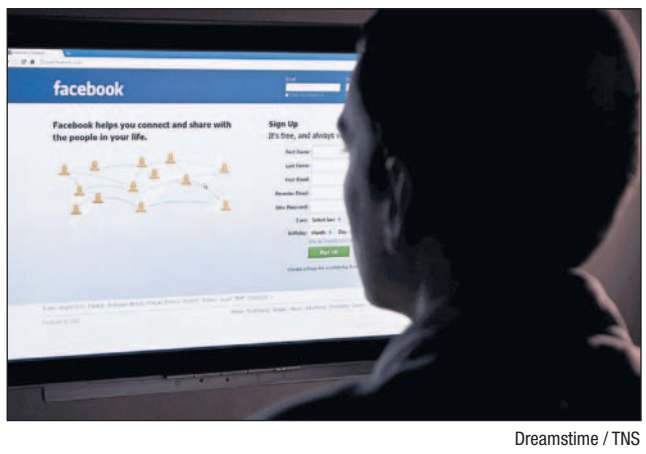

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Secret society fanatics, posting from across the nation and beyond on a Burnsville, Minn., church's Facebook, were confused by the church's name – Illumination Church. The sometimes amusing Facebook threads turned into an annoyance, and last year the church changed its name.

How to give input as Michigan tries to become an 'age-friendly' state

Lynn Kellogg
Generations

A friend recently expressed personal amazement at the thought of soon turning 60.

She admitted being somewhat distressed when she'd turned 40, and now her child was about to turn 40. How did that happen?

I assured her the 60s were pretty good.

Somehow, the reflection that, at any age, our past will feel young gets lost in the moment. People in their 40s see their 20s as youth. Those in their 80s reflect on the youth of their 60s.

The personal sense of one's own aging, with its casual ability to see across many decades and so many different societal norms and eras, is hard to express to someone significantly younger.

In a meeting at work, discussion triggered a colleague to jokingly use metaphoric reference to S&H Green Stamps. Several of us howled – then looked to our youngest colleague who smiled and shrugged without a clue. I'm sure none of us had thought about those stamps for decades.

It's a privilege, a challenge and a perk of life to work in the field of aging. It's a field that's everyone's business.

We're all on our own personal journeys at a historic time when age itself is permanently changing the face of communities everywhere – a global phenomenon showing unprecedented numbers of people living well into later decades.

Dr. Joseph Coughlin is founder and director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab, which focuses on the future of living.

AgeLab focuses a multi-disciplinary research team "to invent new ideas and creatively translate technologies into practical solutions that improve people's health and enable them to 'do things' throughout the life span."

It's terrific work. Check it out online at https://agelab.mit.edu.

In 2017, Coughlin wrote "The Longevity Economy: Unlocking the World's Fastest Growing, Most Misunderstood Market." He wrote the book as a wake-up call, contending that starting at about age 65, we're actually beginning an entire life stage that's in process of being invented.

Much of Coughlin's research looks into what people want, not what conventional wisdom says they need. He champions a new social contract, recognizing that people in later decades are going back to school, starting small businesses, and possess significant purchasing power and knowledge.

Research and survey work is abundant in the field of aging. In Michigan, the Aging & Adult Services Agency (AASA) is part of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. They are in midst of an effort to help assess service needs of Michigan's population 60 and older, and work toward certification of Michigan as an age-friendly state, an initiative of AARP and the World Health Organization.

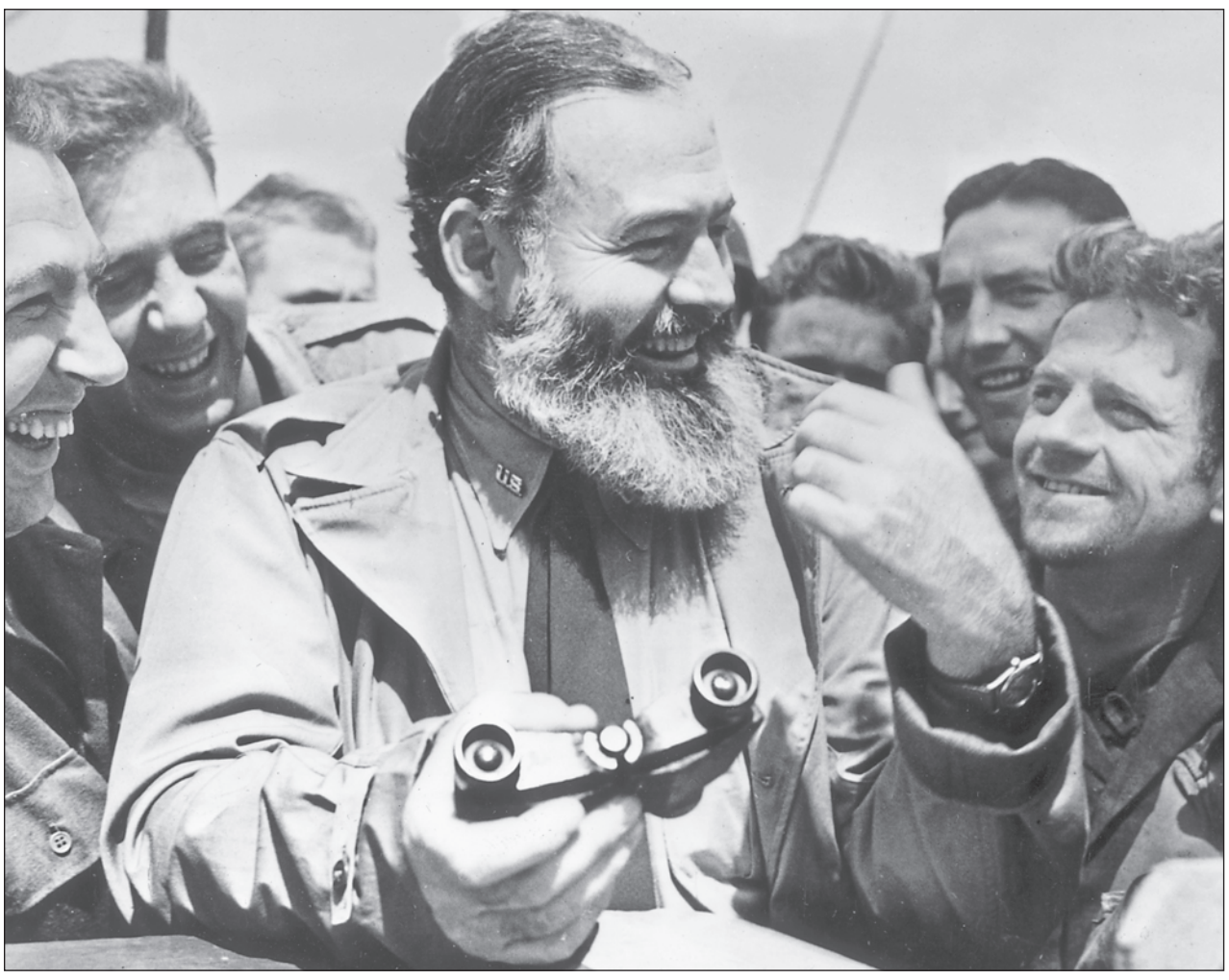
Age-friendly status is highly compatible with Area Agency on Aging's past work with the local Strategic Leadership Council to promote quality of life by helping municipalities and other decision-makers consider distinct livability factors that promote vibrant living and social connection across the age, cultural and socioeconomic spectrum.

AASA is in the middle of a statewide survey effort, asking those 60 and older to respond to a survey to help inform its planning for services and the state's age-friendly initiative.

If you would like to be a part of this effort, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/oldercommunity.

Answer the questions as best you can. It will likely take about 30 minutes. Thanks for considering it.

Lynn Kellogg is CEO of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.



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American writer Ernest Hemingway travels with U.S. soldiers, in his capacity as war correspondent, on their way to Normandy for the D-Day landings in 1944.

Online auction to sell Hemingway and Kerouac typewriters; Colt's gun patents

By KATHLEEN McWILLIAMS
The Hartford Courant

An online auction hosted by Westport, Conn.-based University Archives on Wednesday will feature 288 items of historical significance, including typewriters belonging to Jack Kerouac and Ernest Hemingway, a postcard written by Mahatma Gandhi and a rare letter signed by Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

John Reznikoff, president of University Archives, expects the typewriters, as well as three 1830s patent documents for Samuel Colt's revolving cylinder guns, will be popular among buyers.

Items belonging to Andrew Carnegie, George Gershwin, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and Harry Houdini also will be part of the auction.

"I do think that the typewriters are particularly interesting," Reznikoff said. "They kind of speak to you when you're looking at them. You know these literary icons used these to create their greatest works."

Other items include a Gordon Bryant portrait of F. Scott Fitzgerald, signed by the author, a letter written and signed by astronaut Neil Armstrong, and a same-day eyewitness account from the Wounded Knee massacre in 1890 in which 300 Lakota men, women and children were killed by the U.S. Army in South Dakota.

"An extremely rare letter signed by President Zachary Taylor, written during his brief five months in office, and a Peter Force engraving of the Declaration of Independence, lead our Americana category," Reznikoff said.

Reznikoff, who was born in Hartford, Conn., and raised in West Hartford until his family moved to Stamford, founded University Archives in 1979.

The company buys and sells historical documents and relics with high standards of authenticity to sell at auctions. Reznikoff is a leading authenticity expert for historical items and his expertise has been used by the FBI, the U.S. Justice Department, as well as auction houses and major authentication companies.

All items for sale are listen on University Archives' website, but here are a few of the items that will be available for interested bidders:

Hemingway's typewriter

For the starting price of $16,000, bidders can purchase Hemingway's circa 1950s "Royal" manual typewriter that he used to write his memoir "A Moveable Feast." The typewriter is valued at $50,000 to $100,000.

The typewriter, according to University Archives, was given to Hemingway by fellow writer A.E. Hotchner. Hotchner, who lives in Westport, Conn., met Hemingway in the spring of 1948 when he was assigned to write an article for Cosmopolitan magazine on the future of literature.

Hemingway returned the typewriter to Hotchner in 1960, and it remained one of the writer's treasured possessions.

"I've been in the business 41 years, and a lot of items come to me because of my reputation," Reznikoff said. "For instance, the Hemingway typewriter came from an author, A.E. Hotchner, who is 103 years old and still very sharp. He called me up and said he needed to sell his last things. I've known him for 30 years and have done appraisals for him so he came to me."

Kerouac's typewriter, letters and photos

Fans of the "On the Road," "Big Sur" and "Dharma Bums" can bid on several "poignant and personal" items belonging to the literary iconoclast, including his Smith-Corona typewriter, valued at $18,000 to $20,000, and his correspondence with poet Allen Ginsberg.

The typewriter was used by Kerouac to type his last published work in 1967, "Vanity of Duluoz." The typewriter comes with the original sales receipt and ribbon.

The 19 Kerouac-related items featured in the auction, Reznikoff said, were acquired directly from Kerouac's estate. Other items will be sold over the course of several sales or auction this year.

Bidding for the typewriter begins at $6,000. Other items available include a signed pencil drawing of Kerouac's nephew, family photos, snapshots of Kerouac's cats and items of clothing, such as a chocolate brown suede Dunlap Supreme fedora belonging to the author.

Samuel Colt patents

Three 1830s patent documents for Hartford, Conn., native Samuel Colt's revolving cylinder guns are another notable item that will be auctioned off. The patents are valued between $40,000 and $50,000.

Bids will start at $13,000 for the patents for Colt's Paterson Revolver No. 5. The guns achieved legendary status in the American West because they did not require their users to reload them after one shot.

"I think the Samuel Colt lot will be really sought after," Reznikoff said.

The patents are displayed in a custom-made black leather case with a gold-stamped smoking revolver on the cover.

A letter from Tchaikovsky

A letter from Russian Romantic-era composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky will also be available for purchase. Valued at $12,000 to $15,000, the letter is four pages long and makes reference to his three-part opera, Mazepa. Bidding starts at $4,000.

The letter is addressed to conductor Eduard Napravnik and discusses logistics for the opera, which is based on a poem by Alexander Pushkin about the battle of Poltava. The opera debuted at Moscow's legendary Bolshoi Theater in 1884.

In the letter, Tchaikovsky explains he will not be able to attend rehearsals of Mazepa in St. Petersburg, because he must remain in Moscow for the rehearsals of the same opera.

The letter is written in Romanized Russian, instead of the Cyrillic alphabet and was composed on Tchaikovsky's personal stationery.

PET OF THE WEEK

Big Buddy is an extra-large tiger cat. He was on his own for months after someone left him behind. A bit surprised when offered pets, he warms up quickly. He could be a special pal with a little patience. He is neutered and current on shots. For more information, call Becky with Animal Aid at 926-4279.

ILLUMINATI

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– that Christians would think it was some kind of cult church or New Age spiritualism.

By contrast, the church website shows it's a contemporary, family-focused Christian church and "a community of people committed to following and loving Jesus Christ."

And so, the church decided to try again. There were membership meetings, surveys and more than 100 name suggestions. Mercy Road wound up as the winner, combining the tried and true Christian concept of mercy with the idea that members are all on faith journeys.

Next came the legal and communication changes, with its website, financial accounts, church signs and more.

"At first you couldn't ask Siri to take you to Mercy Road Church," Lotzer said. "There was a two-month delay with Google maps."

But it was the right decision, he believes. Church membership is growing. Christians are checking out the place. Posts on the Facebook page actually relate to church activities.

"I think the name change played a part in it," he said.

Does he miss the strange Facebook surprises?

"It was humorous," he said. "But I'm not a fan of confusion."

BORGMAN

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questions and assured me there would be no problem, especially since the location was not far from a fire department.

The husband asked what I found out.

"I found out what we've suspected all along – the kid knows what he's doing."

"I wondered if that wasn't the case," he said.

"No need to mention any of our concerns to him," I say. "Besides, we'll probably have a list of new concerns next week."

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RAILROAD

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that grow abundantly here, Bonine purchased the land in 1853, and invited freedom seekers and free blacks to settle there.

"Bonine lent them 5 to 10 acres for a determined amount of time, and in exchange for clearing the land, they could build a cabin, garden, earn their own money, send their children to school, and attend church," says Cathy LaPointe, treasurer of the Underground Railroad Society of Cass County, an all-volunteer organization.

She added the community grew to about 30 cabins.

Other back roads on the tour lead to the Brownsville School, built in 1837, a one-room schoolhouse where blacks and whites were educated until 1957, and the homes of Quaker William Jones; Stephen Bogue, a stationmaster on the Underground Railroad and founding member of an anti-slavery society; and Charles Osborn, a Quaker minister who is called "the father of all us abolitionists."

Not part of the driving tour, but well worth a stop, the 6,000-square-foot Dowagiac Area History Museum has an exhibit on the Underground Railroad in Cass County as well as artwork by Dowagiac artist O'Larry Collins titled "Time Brings About a Change."

His work shows three Dowagiac African American residents who influenced Dowagiac and Michigan: Thomas Jefferson Martin, an early settler; George Grady, who was the first African American police chief in the state; and Sam Fowlkes, the first African American to serve on the city council.

"Over the years, the story of the Kentucky Raid faded from the public's memory," LaPointe says. "We have many people who have worked hard at bringing this piece of history back. It's a story of a very unusual place and time as well as exceptional people showing bravery and courage."

For more information, or a self-guided driving tour map, call 320-8532 or visit www.urscc.org.

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Zion St. Joe celebrates 100 years Sunday

Photos provided

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ built this church at the corner of Harrison and Niles avenues in the 1920s. The congregation stayed at the site until 1965, when it outgrew the space. The building is now home to Niles Avenue Baptist Church.

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, will mark its 100th anniversary with a celebratory service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Terry Tessari will be the guest preacher. He will speak on "Honoring History: Focusing on the Future."

A catered lunch in the fellowship hall will follow the service.

The church is led by the Rev. Adam Bohland, who has been serving the congregation since August 2016.

Zion Evangelical Church was formed on Feb. 25, 1920, when 50 people gathered with the Rev. C. Krickhahn at St. Joseph's city hall to organize a church and chart its future, according to church historical records.

By June 1920, the group received its charter from the state, and in July the congregation called its first full-time pastor, the Rev. F.C. Schmidt, who served the church until 1937. He came to Southwest Michigan from Salem Church in Lena, Ill.

The congregation quickly built itself an all-purpose church "annex" at the corner of Harrison and Niles avenues. It was dedicated March 6, 1921, with morning, afternoon and evening services, each attended by more than 300 people, according to newspaper archives.

"The building, which represents the first unit of an extensive edifice, is one story in heighth and is built of modern brick with an ornate white stone doorway," The News-Palladium reported.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The congregation has gathered at its Veronica Drive location, seen here, since 1965.

Three years later, having grown to 230 members, the congregation voted to build a sanctuary. It was dedicated on April 26, 1925.

Schmidt has been followed in service by the Revs. Edwin Irion (1937-68), Curtis Runkel (1967-1985), Richard Hardy (1986-1994), Kent and Debbie Meyer (1995-2004), Dan Smith (2007-2012) and Bohland.

In 1961, the congregation outgrew its original buildings and decided to relocate. Its present building on Veronica Drive was dedicated on May 2, 1965.

Since the mid-1980s, Zion has been part of the United Church of Christ, a denomination that formed in 1957.

For more info about the church, call 983-7151 or visit www.zionstjoe.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Make a meaningful difference

Do you have a passion for working with children? The Youth Development Company is looking for volunteers who have a couple spare hours once a month, once every two weeks, or even every week.

The mission of YDC is empowering for success and developing dreams while providing a safe haven for youth to grow socially, emotionally and intellectually.

Volunteers will help in their YDC learning centers, after-school mentoring program and summer day camp.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Do you love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics. Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, and to increase the distributed amount, Feeding America West Michigan developed the Mobile Food Pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Kinexus will host a mobile food truck on Monday.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help and give a smile to those that are experiencing food insecurity.

Other dates, locations and more info can be found at volunteer.uwsm.org.

Community Soup Night

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is hosting a community event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday that provides a chance to connect with community members and enjoy a complimentary bowl of soup.

Volunteers are needed to serve soup and to assist with clean up after the event.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Show Me the Money

Summit Financial Wellness will host Show Me the Money Day today. The free event will feature financial products, community resources and financial workshops.

This annual statewide event is designed to kickoff tax season and promote opportunities to increase income, save and build assets.

Volunteers are needed to help register participants, manage door prizes, serve food, help in workshops and assist vendors with setup and breakdown.

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Do you love animals?

Therapeutic Equestrian Center uses horses to challenge those with special needs to build stronger minds, bodies and spirits.

Experience with horses is a plus, but volunteers can be trained.

A variety of daytime and evenings opportunities are available.

Volunteers usually help once a week, but substitutes also are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

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United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

To know God is eternal life

Ron Rayon
Insights

How wonderful it is to know God. The creator of heaven and Earth, and all that is in them, can be known by you and me.

God reveals himself to us in so many ways. The heavens declare his glory, his prophets declare his story, and the Holy Spirit nudges our inner man to turn and bring our attention to him.

Hebrews 1:1-2 says, "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds."

Jesus reveals the Father to us by speaking of him, revealing his truth and demonstrating his character in mercy and judgement. Jesus was sent by God into our world for a very specific mission: "to seek and to save that which was lost."

What was lost? Everything!

The family God had created in Adam and Eve, in his own likeness and image, was tricked by the devil to separate themselves from their God-given eternal life for an illusion of actually becoming gods.

This still goes on today. We can be deceived into thinking our self-life of being our own god is the way to live. Actually, we are lost and separated from the life of God. We don't know God. We are separated from him. Our destiny is hell.

We can be in the condition where we know about God, but we do not know him. Thank God there is hope and a promise by which we can know God.

Jesus says in John 17:2-4, "As you have given him (Jesus) authority over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on the earth. I have finished the work which you have given me to do."

Jesus says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

And in Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

So it is possible to know about God, even do works in his name, and still not know him. Knowing God and receiving the gift of eternal life is made real to us through our declaration of our faith in Christ Jesus.

We declare him to be the Savior of the world and our Savior and Lord. When we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness. He gives us an assurance in our hearts by his Holy Spirit that we not only know about God but we have received his life eternal through faith in Jesus Christ and know him.

You and I can know God today. I remember the day I came to a confession of faith in Jesus. It was Jan. 10, 1978. Oh what joy flooded my soul.

I have had to repent of things displeasing to him many times, but I have never been separated from the eternal life of God. To know God is eternal life just as Jesus said.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Ron Rayon, pastor of Grace Christian Center in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will hold Lenten services at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1. There will be a dinner served between services. The church will hold its next Worship at the Cross service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in its fellowship hall. The service, which is part of the church's Jesus Cares Ministry, is geared toward those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, will have its Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The service will include the imposition of ashes and communion. Prior to the service, the congregation will host a soup and bread supper from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

The drama ministry at **Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church**, 1105 E. Main St., Benton Harbor, will present the play "Lord Deliver Me," directed by Kathy Wimberly-Harden, at 5 p.m. Sunday.

From 7:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, all can receive a blessing and the mark of the cross in the parking lot of **First Congregational Church**, 651 Phoenix St., South Haven, as a way of observing Ash Wednesday. The pastors from Peace Lutheran Church and First Congregational will offer this, and receive prayer requests.

First United Methodist Church, 429 Michigan Ave., South Haven, will celebrate Ash Wednesday at noon Wednesday.

Peace Lutheran Church, 06321 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, will celebrate Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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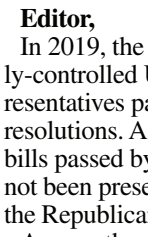
Bernie only sees what he wants to see

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who did not have a great performance in Wednesday's Democratic debate, nevertheless said something interesting.

"We're not going to throw out capitalism," Bloomberg said. "We tried. Other countries tried that. It was called communism, and it just didn't work."

Jonah Goldberg



I'm unclear on when "we" – as in the United States – tried communism, but it was still good to hear a Democrat say something nice about capitalism.

Sen. Bernie Sanders didn't like it though.

"Let's talk about democratic socialism. Not communism, Mr. Bloomberg," Sanders said. "That's a cheap shot. Let's talk about – let's talk about what goes on in countries like Denmark ..."

Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, has a point. It's unfair to use the label "communist" to describe countries that adhere to social democracy (another way of saying democratic socialism, though there are ideological debates about whether the terms are interchangeable). That's because the defining feature of social democracy (or democratic socialism) is democracy. Not only do social democratic nations hold elections, they abide by them. Moreover, democracies worthy of the name adhere to things like constitutional rights and human rights – including property rights – and the rule of law.

None of these things apply to communist countries such as China under Mao Zedong, Fidel Castro's Cuba or the old Soviet Union. Those countries were authoritarian or totalitarian, hostile to human rights and contemptuous of democracy.

This, by the way, is an important point, since if the GOP has its way, the 2020 election will be a contest between socialism and capitalism, and a lot of people will throw around "communism" in much the same way Bloomberg did.

Still, there are some problems with Sanders' answer – an answer he has used in various forms for years.

First, while it's true that Sanders does not advocate communism, it's also true that when communism was still a live proposition in the Soviet Union, Sanders lavished praise on it. It's also true that he remains bizarrely fond of other non-democratic socialist regimes, including Cuba's. So while he may not be proposing communism for the U.S. per se, the fact that Sanders isn't horrified by communist countries should tell you something about how far he might like to take socialism here.

Sanders supported a Marxist-Leninist party that backed the Iranian Revolution and the hostage-taking of Americans. In 1985, he supported the effort by Daniel Ortega, the Soviet-backed Sandinista leader of Nicaragua, to suppress opposition newspapers. Until recently, Sanders was supportive of the dictatorship in Venezuela.

In 2016, when this record started to catch up to him, Sanders said: "When I talk about democratic socialism, I'm not talking about Venezuela, I'm not talking about Cuba." As he said on Wednesday night, he's talking about places like Denmark or, as he's said at other times, Sweden or Norway.

But just as Cuba and the Soviet Union were never the workers' paradises Sanders sometimes suggested, those European countries aren't the socialist nirvanas he claims either. As my American Enterprise Institute colleague James Pethokoukis has noted, "The egalitarian Nordic nations have as many billionaires, relatively, as the U.S. and more concentrated wealth, at least as measured by the share of wealth controlled by the top 10 percent." The Nordic countries are also free-traders and have many of the pro-business policies that Sanders despises here at home.

Sanders, who favors single-payer health care, routinely says we should follow the example of Scandinavian and other countries. He recently tweeted a list of 27 nations with universal health care. But National Review's Ramesh Ponnuru pointed out that not one of the countries listed has single-payer health care.

It's true that the Nordic countries used to be closer to what Sanders has in mind. But that was decades ago – back when Bernie was heaping praise on communist countries. Those governments recognized that such policies were bad for the economy as a whole, and for the people too. Sure, some European countries have more generous welfare states and more progressive taxation than we do. Most also have much worse unemployment and economic growth. But all of that is grist for a different argument than the one Sanders offers. He has an impressive record of seeing only what he wants to see rather than what is – at home and abroad.

And it doesn't seem like a cheap shot to me to point out that Sanders got the reality of communism wrong in the past and the rest of the world wrong in the present.

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LETTERS

Peters has earned another trip to Washington

Editor,

In 2019, the democratically-controlled U.S. House of Representatives passed 591 bills and resolutions. A vast majority of the bills passed by the House have not been presented for a vote in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Among the many bills supported by Americans which were passed in the House, yet have been blocked by Republicans in the Senate are: HR 1 – a bill to fight government corruption and to reinvigorate American democracy; HR 3 – a bill to reduce the cost of prescription drugs; HR 4 – a bill to protect voting rights; HR 8 – a bill to require background checks for all gun purchasers; and HR 582 – a bill to gradually raise the federal minimum wage.

Senate Republicans don't seem to respond to the needs and wants of the American people. They only seem to care about partisan blocking of Democratic proposals, while supporting the dictatorial actions of Donald Trump.

We need to continue to elect senators who will respond to and represent "We, the people." Michigan is fortunate to have two such senators in Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Sen. Gary Peters.

Sen. Peters is a candidate for re-election this November, and I remind you that he has been a very effective senator who is a proponent of passing legislation to: 1. make government more efficient and effective; 2. reduce the cost of health care; 3. strengthen the middle class; 4. support the Great Lakes; 5. strengthen agriculture and rural communities; 6. support civil rights; 7. invest in education; 8. honor our military and veterans; 9. keep America safe and secure; and 10. support women and families.

Sen. Gary Peters is a capable and conscientious United States senator. In November he deserves to be re-elected to ensure we have a senator who will represent all the citizens of Michigan with intelligence, integrity and wisdom.

Cynthia Miller
Benton Harbor

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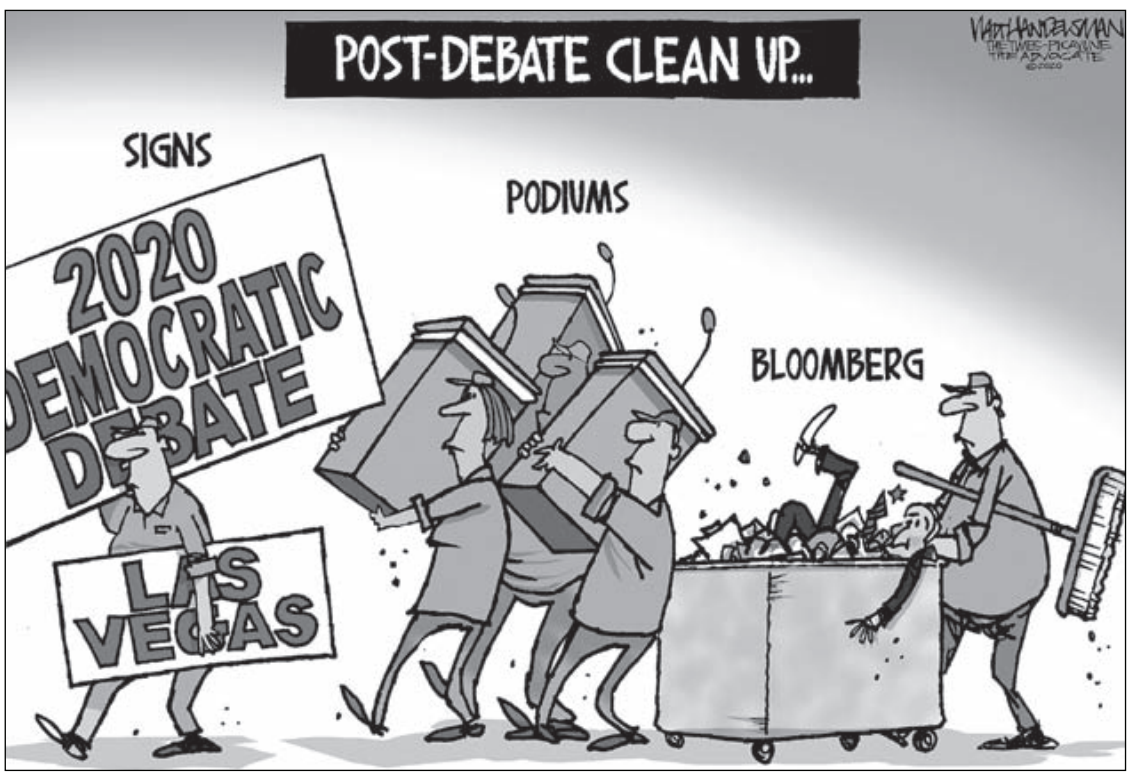

Bloomberg bombed big-time

This we know: $300 million worth of TV and digital media ads, gushing into our homes and across our news screens, can rocket even a late-starting presidential candidate into the top tier of the White House wannabes.

As New York City's ex-Mayor Mike Bloomberg has just shown us.

But this we also know: Ultimately, even a billion dollar blizzard of TV and digital ads can only work wonders when their creative messages and images of presidential decisiveness and leadership are reinforcing positive presidential messages and images we voters are also viewing each day on our free media TV and digital news screens.

Martin Schram

This is a rock-solid reality about video ads that I discovered, proved and reported about years ago, in a book titled "The Great American Video Game: Presidential Politics in the Television Age." Wednesday night, its validity was verified for us yet again by Bloomberg's surprisingly underwhelming and even inept performance in the first hour of the Democratic presidential candidates' debate in Las Vegas, a prelude to Saturday's Nevada caucus.

Bloomberg started off Wednesday night with a definite video head start. In the run-up to the debate we all saw a rerun of his now familiar TV ad featuring a very presidential-looking Bloomberg being warmly praised by President Barack Obama. It sure looked and sounded like Obama was endorsing Bloomberg for 2020, but it was just a snippet from a day when then-President Obama was praising Bloomberg's support of a gun control initiative. Still, it seemed like a bigtime bonding of Obama and Bloomberg, who desperately needs to increase his support among black and Hispanic voters. (No doubt millions who see the ad won't recall that Bloomberg never endorsed Obama in 2008 and, in 2012, delayed endorsing Obama's re-election until a mere five days before the election.)

For weeks, Bloomberg had been prepping and rehearsing for the debate with his top staff. Surely they had to have anticipated Bloomberg would be asked about two major recent reports of controversies from his days as mayor: Bloomberg's huge expansion of a stop-and-frisk program in which he had been recorded saying police should concentrate on high crime areas, stop young minority youths, throw them up against a wall and frisk them to see if they were carrying weapons. And Bloomberg's reported settlements of workplace complaints with women who complained of sexual comments and workplace discrimination (and signed nondisclosure agreements as part of their settlements).

Sure enough, in the debate, Sen. Elizabeth Warren quickly challenged Bloomberg on the latter – the secrecy surrounding his harassment and discrimination case settlements with complaining women. "I'd like to talk about who we're running against: a billionaire who calls women 'fat broads' and 'horse-faced lesbians'," Warren began. "And no, I'm not talking about Donald Trump. I'm talking about Mayor Bloomberg."

Surely, Team Bloomberg must have anticipated this obvious challenge. Warren asked if he would release the women from their nondisclosure agreements so they could tell us all what had really happened. Stunningly, Bloomberg just stared blankly, stammered, rambled and appeared to have no idea what he should say or how he should say it. "Maybe they didn't like a joke I told," he said at one point. He said there were "some" women who had complained; later he said it was "a few;" and he wouldn't be pinned down on how many women were involved.

When Warren pressed him to release the women from their nondisclosure agreements, he said, unclearly, that since the woman had signed the agreements, "it's up to them." Whatever that means. Joe Biden added his support for Warren's point. And then she pressed once more: "You're releasing them tonight, is that right?"

But Bloomberg seemed to be tap-dancing on quicksand: "I'm not going to end the agreements because they were made consensually." Unfortunately, the NBC moderators moved to a different topic. An hour later, Bloomberg indeed had a presidential moment – as he showed impressive command of the issues and details about the urgent need to solve the mega-crisis of global climate change.

But by then, the presidential debate had degenerated into an unpresidential night of the mondo bizarro. The Democrats began mindlessly attacking each other – and everyone seemed to forget about attacking the incumbent they all have insisted must be prevented from being elected to serve four more years.

It was a night in which the Democratic presidential hopefuls seemed mainly determined to settle campaign scores by trumping one another. And it produced just one clear winner: the tenant who resides as our guest in D.C.'s finest public housing facility, at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Unfortunately, 'Contagion' is back

Nothing spreads like fear.

That was the tagline of "Contagion," a 2011 movie in which the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Laurence Fishburne, Matt Damon and Kate Winslet contend with a mysterious virus that soon decimates the globe. It earned good reviews, high marks for accuracy and $136 million in worldwide box office. Then it was more or less forgotten.

Until now. Suddenly, "Contagion" is back. As reported by NPR, it briefly pierced the Top 10 list of iTunes downloads earlier this month and the number of Google searches for the film recently spiked. The painfully obvious reason: COVID-19, a coronavirus disease that has spread from China to much of the rest of the world, including Egypt, Japan, Italy, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Leonard Pitts

Thankfully, the movie's grim tagline has not come true – no panic in the streets, no calling out the National Guard, no isolating government officials. That's surely because the lethality rate of the real disease is so much less than that of the fictional one, which killed roughly one out of every five people who got it.

Still, there is a queasy, palpable unease in watching this thing spread, as cruise ships are quarantined, Americans are airlifted and Apple takes a hit to its bottom line. One can't help but imagine how, if the lethality rate ticked up or the impact on the global economy became more pronounced, the misinformation machine that is the right-wing media complex would vomit up some nutty conspiracy theory and we'd have panicky people at one another's throats.

Thankfully, what we've experienced from that corner thus far has been – at least by today's standards – harmless. Hank Kunneman, a Donald Trump-loving Nebraska preacher, did promise that God will protect America from the virus. Oh, and Trump himself, that renowned scientist, says the sunshine of April will kill it, a prediction with which none of his fellow epidemiologists seems to concur. As these two pontificate nonsense, it's worth noting the disease has already turned up in Massachusetts, Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, Arizona, Washington and California – and that Trump is calling for drastic cuts in funding of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Yet, for as much as this outbreak exposes the routine foolishness of what now passes for conservatism, it also serves as a reminder – and rebuke – of a strain of American thought bound to no ideology. Meaning the idea that America is – or can be or ought to be – a fortress, safe from any virus (or refugee, economic downturn, environmental impact) that seeks entry here. It's a childish conceit.

The poet John Donne said, "No man is an island."

The activist Martin Luther King said, "All life is interrelated."

The composers Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie said, "We are the world."

Yet periodically America indulges the idea that we can somehow disengage from the rest of the planet. Think of George Washington warning against foreign "attachments." And of the isolationism that delayed U.S. entry into two world wars. And of Trump abusing allies and immigrants under the rubric "America First."

History has frequently conspired to show us the folly of believing we can wall ourselves off from the world's woes. But it has seldom produced a reminder as elegantly ominous or insidious as this. A virus that started in Wuhan, China, has made its way to San Antonio, USA – among other American towns. Take it as proof that Disney was right.

It is a small world after all.

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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING FEB. 22

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Jump (N) CC	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks. From Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. (N) CC				
CBS 2 3 22	One Smile	NCIS "No Vacancy" CC (DVS)		48 Hours (N) CC		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "The Champions Finals" The top 10 finalists perform. CC				Dateline NBC CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	XFL Football	Almost Family "Permanent AF; Expectant AF" The trial against Dr. Bechley begins.				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3) CC		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Keep-Appear	Keep-Appear
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	Dateline CC		Dateline "Who Killed the Radio Star?"		Dateline CC	
WCIU 26	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Lou returns with an idea.		Murdoch Mysteries "8 Footsteps"		Murdoch Mysteries CC (DVS)	
WGN 9	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.22.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	4:30 ★ ★★★★ Titanic ('97) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC			Seven Worlds, One Planet Antarctica is a land of survivors. (N)		★ Titanic ('97)	
Animal	Pit Bulls	Pit Bulls & Parolees		Pit Bulls-Parole		The Vet Life (N)	
BET	Red Carp.	51st NAACP Image Awards (N) (L)				Image Awards	
Big Ten	College Hockey			B1G	Big Ten Elite CC		B1G
Bravo	★ ★★ Couples Retreat ('09, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau. CC					★ ★★ Couples Retreat ('09) CC	
Cartoon	Apple	My Hero	My Hero	Burgers	Burgers	American	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	:00 Strike Back	7:50 ★ ★★★ Cast Away ('00, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy. CC				:15 ★ ★★★ The Hate U Give ('18)	
CMT	Mom	To Be Announced					
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	5:00 America's Choice 2020: Nevada Caucus (N) (L) CC						
Comedy	Horrible	To Be Announced				South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid "Stomping Grounds" Elite survivalists must protect novices.				Naked and Afraid: Uncensored CC	
Disney	Zombies	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Owl Hse.	Owl Hse.
DIY	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers	Flippers
E!	★ ★ Friday After Next ('02) Ice Cube.				Boo! A Madea Halloween		
ESPN	Basket	Boxing		College Basketball Oregon at Arizona. (N)			
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)				College Basketball	
ESPNC	Football	College Football Played 9/22/90.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	Basket	Focused	Spotlight	Golf Life	Snow	World Poker	
Freefrm	6:55 ★ ★★★ Big Hero 6 ('14) Voices of Ryan Potter. CC			:10 ★ ★★★ Up ('09, Children's) Voices of Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer. CC			
FX	6:00 ★ Minions	★ ★★ Despicable Me 3 ('17) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker. CC				★ ★★★ The Secret Life of Pets ('16)	
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf WGC - Mexico Championship, Third Round.						
Hallmark	:00 ★ The Secret Ingredient ('20, Romance) Erin Cahill. CC			★ Love in Store ('20) Alexandra Breckenridge, Robert Buckley. (P). CC			
HBO	Alita: Battle Angel	:10 ★ ★★ Annabelle Comes Home ('19, Horror) Vera Farmiga. (P). CC				Whitmer Thomas: The Golden One (N)	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Secret Files (N) CC				Ancient Aliens (N)	
HGTV	Home	Home Town CC		Home Town CC		Nate and Jeremiah:	
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress Katie can't commit.				Say Yes, Dress	
Lifetime	The Wrong Ch	★ The Wrong Stepmother ('19) Cindy Busby, Vivica A. Fox. (P). CC				:03 ★ The Wrong Boy Next Door ('19)	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	MTV Special CC				Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Chicago Bulls. (N)					Postgame
NFL	NFL 100	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest	
Nick	Loud	Henry	All That	Substitute	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Parks	National Parks		The Hidden Kingdoms of China (N) CC			
Oxygen	Up and Vanished	Snapped Corrections officer killed in home.		Snapped A young mother is murdered.		Snapped "Roxanne Buck" CC	
Parmt	:00 ★ ★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark				Indiana Jones & the Temple		
Showtime	:00 ★ ★★ Five Feet Apart ('19) Haley Lu Richardson. CC			★ ★★ On the Basis of Sex ('18, Biography) Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer. CC			
Starz	Men in Black	Wrong Man CC		8:54 Wrong Man CC		9:48 Outlander "The Fiery Cross" CC	
STZENC	Live Free-Die	7:49 ★ ★★★ In the Line of Fire ('93) Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich. CC				Spartacus: War of the Damned CC	
SyFy	:00 ★ ★★★ Edge of Tomorrow ('14) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. CC				★ Gods of Egypt ('16) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. CC		
TBS	6:30 ★ ★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy ('14) Chris Pratt.			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	6:00 ★ Baby Doll	★ ★★★ How the West Was Won ('62, Western) Carroll Baker, Lee J. Cobb. Three generations of family go west. CC (DVS)					
TMC	:20 ★ Assassination Games ('11) Jean-Claude Van Damme.			★ Play or Die ('19, Horror) Charley Palmer Rothwell. CC			★ Dead Ant
TNT	Hobbit	★ ★★ The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ('14)					
Travel	Haunted	Woo.- Haunted		Woo.- Haunted		Haunted Hospitals	
TV Land	Two Men	To Be Announced				Two Men	Two Men
USA	★★ King Arthur: Legend of the Sword	★ ★★★ Twister ('96) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. CC					
VH1	Rush Hr 3	To Be Announced				★ Good Deeds	
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods "Legacy" CC (DVS)		Blue Bloods "Tale of Two Cities"		Blue Bloods "Close Calls" CC (DVS)	

Woman is trapped by guilt in an accidental friendship

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I was friendly with a man from work who was very close to his mom. She came along with us once for lunch and ended up really liking me. From that point on, whenever he and I would get together for lunch, she would tag along.

At one point, without my permission, he gave her my phone number, and she began calling me. A little has turned into a lot. She contacts me every day via text or phone, almost always to complain about something in her life. She always wants to get together for lunch and is constantly asking me for favors, including rides to work (we do not have the same job or the same hours) or taking care of her dogs and cats while she's away on her various work trips.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

I no longer speak to the man, but I speak to his mother every single day. She considers me a dear friend and is a very sensitive person with obvious abandonment issues. My problem is, I have zero desire to be this woman's friend. We are very different in pretty much every way imaginable. I get together with her, respond to her messages, answer her calls and do favors for her out of guilt, not wanting to be yet another person who kicks her to the curb.

How do I handle this? Should I continue to allow her to use me for favors and as a sounding board for all her various complaints, or is there a way to gracefully bow out without breaking this woman's heart? – Walking A Fine Line In Illinois

DEAR WALKING: A way to bow out would be to start weaning her. Do not make yourself available to the extent that you have. Screen your calls and resist the impulse to be so helpful. It's all right to have other plans you need to attend to instead of being at her beck and call every day. This is how people distance themselves gently.

The alternative would be to stop responding at all, which would be cruel. While you are no longer close to her son, contact him, tell him what has been going on and ask if he can help with this.

DEAR ABBY: In the past three weeks or so, a man has placed a flower blossom in a small cup on the edge of my patio. This has happened 18 times. The flowers are, seemingly, from surrounding yards. I live in a golfing community, and many golfers pass by daily. Once, he left a golf ball as well.

As I was looking out one day, I saw a man wearing a red shirt, tan cap and shorts. His cap was pulled low, so I couldn't see his face. He looked to be middle-aged, and he walked away quickly. He has never tried to make contact with me.

My partner is not happy about this, and I'm afraid if he catches the man in action, he may cause a scene. I don't know if I should be flattered or afraid. Also, the man might be shocked to learn that I'm 85. (Well, yes, I am kind of flattered.) What to do, Abby? – Secretly Admired In Florida

DEAR ADMIRED: Here's what I'd do. I would accept the compliment, but I would also leave a note on the edge of the patio addressed to "Secret Admirer." In it I would say that I'm 85 years old and, while flattered, I'm not available – so please stop leaving "gifts" on my patio.

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Seeking gift ideas for kids with plenty

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My older sister has two children, 3 and 5. When I asked what gifts would be appropriate for them, she gave me a couple of ideas with links for both kids, adding, "But they don't really need anything." I purchased two gifts for each child after spending a good deal of thought and care.

Carolyn Hax

Since then, I have visited their home a couple of times and was overwhelmed by the number of stuffed animals and toys both children had. In the end, I never saw the gifts I had given and when I casually asked my sister if they had received them, she could not recall.

What should I do for the 5-year-old's upcoming birthday? I have considered giving a monetary gift of some sort, but, as my sister and her family are very comfortable financially, I see this as another stuffed animal on top of the pile. I feel odd to not give a gift, but I don't think my sister or my nephew would notice. I love them all very dearly and want my gift-giving to have meaning. Is a simple card OK? – **Childless Aunt**

This is a huge problem, and not only for kids in wealthier families. The accessibility of stuff is just without precedent, and the kids – good for them, although it's not necessarily conscious – are responding to the material glut by gravitating to meaning.

Plus, that's the point of gifts anyway: connection. It's just not as easy now to connect this way.

So, that's your goal here, to figure out what has meaning to a kid for whom stuff has no meaning.

The card actually gets you closest, but it's still not there, because he's 5 and there's not going to be a ton of connection there to words on a page. If you can write silly poems, that'll help, though that's a tall order.

You can also send a card that allows for a recorded message, so you can talk to him. Hit or miss, but it's at least more human than material.

Or, you can send the "gift" of a ticket to _____ (outing he'd enjoy) one-on-one with you during your next visit. Time with you is of the ultimate value, and investing it when he's 5 and then steadily thereafter can be meaningful many times over as he grows.

If you're not confident enough for an outing, then bring a project you do with him, based on his interests. A craft, a model, etc.

Readers' suggestions:

■ Time with you is the ultimate gift for kids. Babysitting is the ultimate gift for parents. Win-Win!

■ I'd vote for books – a good book that you can read aloud to the little one when you're there and a picture book he can look at by himself. They're a great hook for ongoing connection, because you can talk about the books you shared.

■ My parents used to send my children a book along with a recording of them reading the same book aloud, and saying, "Turn the page," at the proper times. My children are grown but still remember when Grandpa read them "The Grinch."

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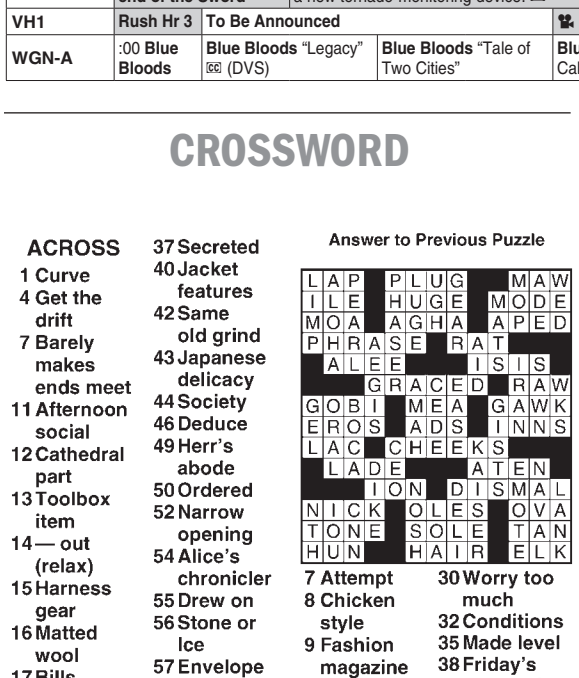
CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Curve
4 Get the drift
7 Barely makes ends meet
11 Afternoon social
12 Cathedral part
13 Toolbox item
14 — out (relax)
15 Harness gear
16 Matted wool
17 Bills
19 Symbol of peace
20 Prepare to fire
21 Debussy subject
22 Lawful
25 Stout
28 Jackie's second
29 Frizzy coif
31 Monsieur's affirmative
33 Large
34 Mounted
36 Sandy's reply
37 Secreted
40 Jacket features
42 Same old grind
43 Japanese delicacy
44 Society
46 Deduce
49 Herr's abode
50 Ordered
52 Narrow opening
54 Alice's chronicler
55 Drew on
56 Stone or Ice
57 Envelope sealer
58 EMT technique
59 It glistens

DOWN
1 Dune buggy kin
2 Plant in a swamp
3 Hamster's digs
4 Muscular tic
5 PC bailout key
6 Mouse alert
7 Attempt
8 Chicken style
9 Fashion magazine
10 Solidified
12 Hun leader
18 Meadow murmur
19 Bonn article
21 Dairy sounds
22 Chem room
23 Mr. Clapton
24 Billion (pref.)
25 Jab at
26 Mortgage
27 Round dwelling
30 Worry too much
32 Conditions
35 Made level
38 Friday's companion
39 Wheel part
41 Folkloric being
43 Quilt filler
44 Actor — Reiner
45 Humdinger
47 Old-time oath
48 Fly off the handle
49 Harpy
50 Tampa Bay NFLer
51 Serpent
53 Seat for a sermon

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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JUMBLE

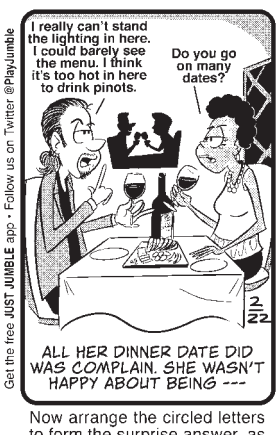
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TDHIC

NYIKD

DDDEEW

NMENAR


I really can't stand the lighting in here. I could barely see the menu. I think it's too hot in here to drink pinots.
Do you go on many dates?
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ALL HER DINNER DATE DID WAS COMPLAIN. SHE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT BEING ---

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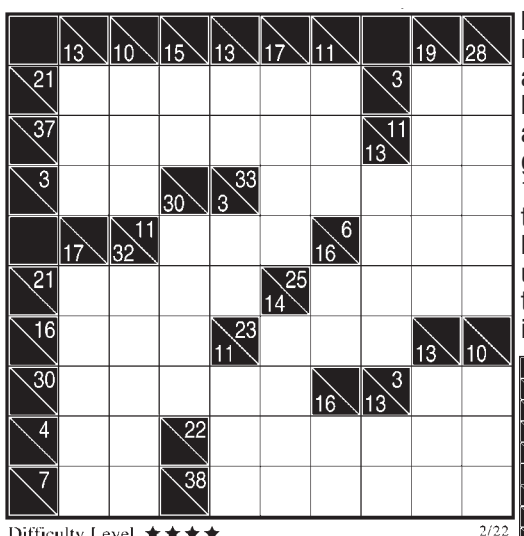
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____" _____ _____

(Answers Monday)

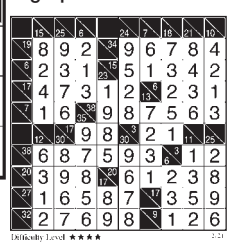
Yesterday's Jumbles: CLOVE EXERT MISHAP HECTIC
Answer: Construction on their house's new addition was almost complete and in the — HOME STRETCH

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/22

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Willie Tyler, a ventriloquist, comedian and actor, said, "The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time."

Good point. In bridge, we have a Lightner double, which strikes a few times a year, but on different deals, and probably with different players. What does it mean?

After East opened three diamonds, South overcalled three spades. North, with a huge hand, used Blackwood. Then, learning that an ace was missing, he signed off in six spades. Three players picked up their scorecards to inscribe the contract, but East said, "Just a moment, please. I double." North redoubled, arguing afterward that it was mathematically justifiable.

What did West lead?

He knew that his partner's Lightner double asked for an unusual lead. Diamonds (East's suit) and trumps were out. West had to choose between hearts and clubs, knowing that partner was void in one of those suits. Since he had one more heart, he led that suit. East happily ruffed and cashed the diamond ace to defeat the slam.

East-West were plus 400 – double what they would have received if North had not redoubled. If the contract had made, North-South would have scored 2070 instead of 1660 for doubled and made. So North was risking 200 points to gain 410.

When Teddy Lightner first had this idea, he doubled a small slam with a side-suit void and an ace. When an opponent redoubled, he was feeling happy. But there was a problem – it was his lead!

North 02-22-20
♠ K 10 5 4
♥ A J 9 6
♦ 2
♣ A K Q J

West
♠ —
♥ 10 8 7 5 3 2
♦ J 6
♣ 10 9 8 4 3

East
♠ 7 6 2
♥ —
♦ A K 10 9 7 5 4
♣ 7 6 2

South
♠ A Q J 9 8 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ 5

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			3♦
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♠	Dbl.!
Pass	Pass	Redbl.	All Pass

Opening lead: ??

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

	5	8		3	1			
	6				4	1		
				9				7
	9			1			7	
4								5
	8			4			6	
1				6				
		5	4				8	
			1	2		9	4	

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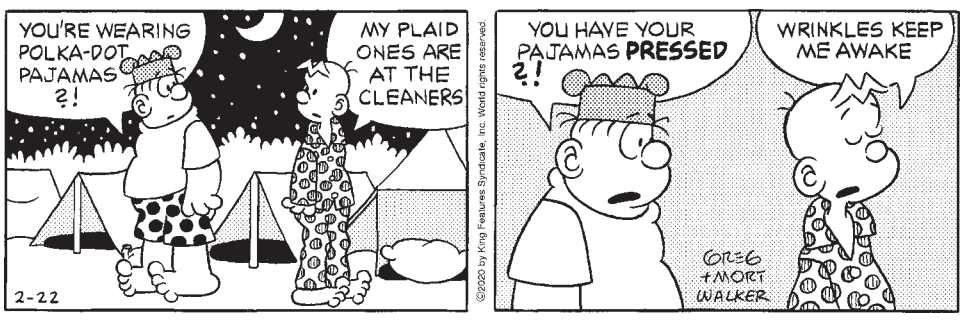
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	5	4	9	3	7	1	6	2
7	3	6	4	1	2	5	8	9
1	2	9	8	5	6	3	7	4
2	8	7	6	9	3	4	1	5
5	6	1	7	2	4	9	3	8
4	9	3	1	8	5	7	2	6
3	1	2	5	6	9	8	4	7
9	4	8	2	7	1	6	5	3
6	7	5	3	4	8	2	9	1

BEETLE BAILEY


YOU'RE WEARING POLKA-DOT PAJAMAS ?!
MY PLAID ONES ARE AT THE CLEANERS
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YOU HAVE YOUR PAJAMAS PRESSED ?!
WRINKLES KEEP ME AWAKE
GREG + MORT WALKER
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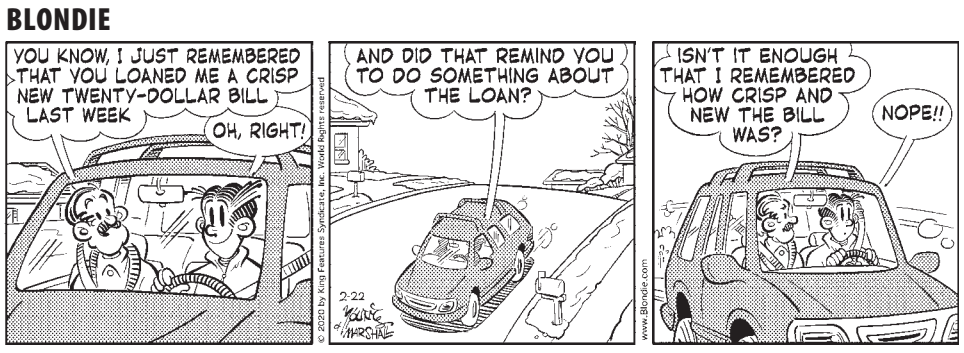
BLONDIE


YOU KNOW, I JUST REMEMBERED THAT YOU LOANED ME A CRISP NEW TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL LAST WEEK
OH, RIGHT!
AND DID THAT REMIND YOU TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE LOAN?
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ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT I REMEMBERED HOW CRISP AND NEW THE BILL WAS?
NOPE!!
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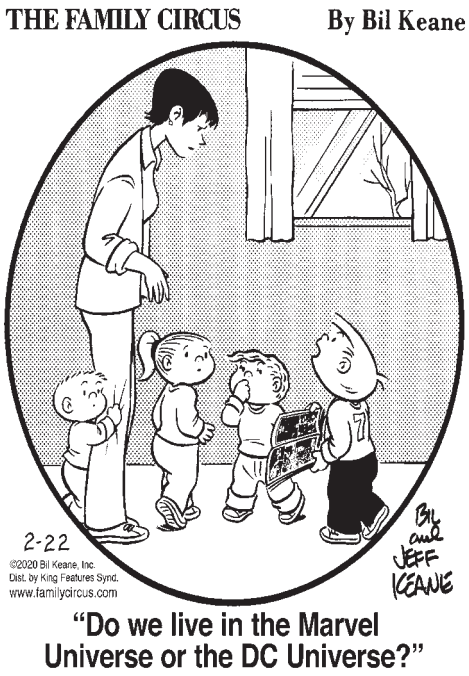
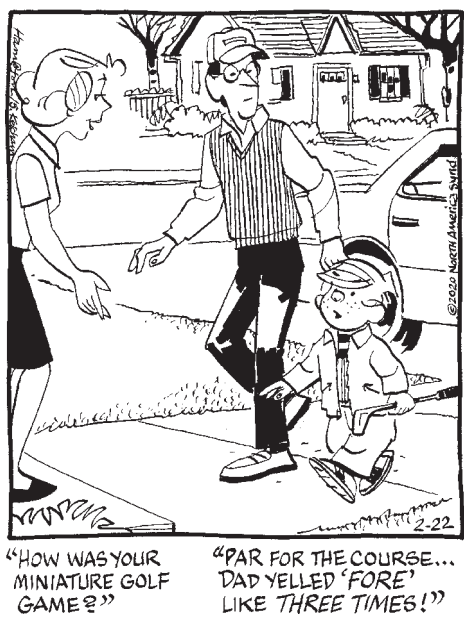
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Do we live in the Marvel Universe or the DC Universe?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



HI & LOIS

I MADE MY OWN LIST OF WEEKEND CHORES.
ERIC REYES
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"HONEY DON'T"?
HONEY, DON'T MAKE ME DO ANY OF THAT.
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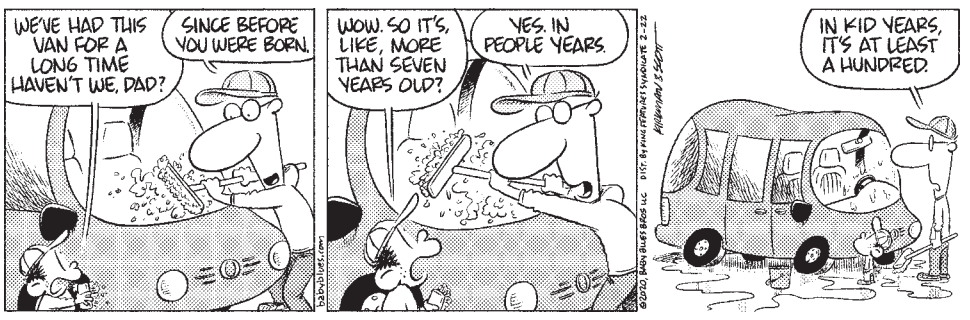
BABY BLUES


WE'VE HAD THIS VAN FOR A LONG TIME HAVEN'T WE, DAD?
SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN.
WOW. SO IT'S, LIKE, MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS OLD?
YES. IN PEOPLE YEARS.
IN KID YEARS, IT'S AT LEAST A HUNDRED.
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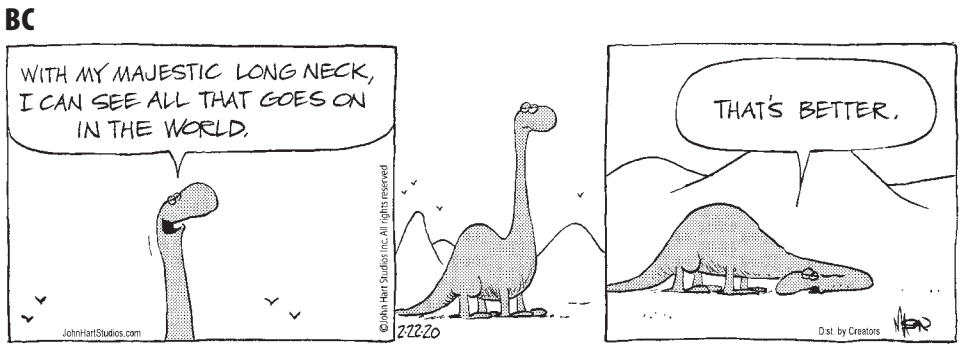
WITH MY MAJESTIC LONG NECK, I CAN SEE ALL THAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD.
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THAT'S BETTER.
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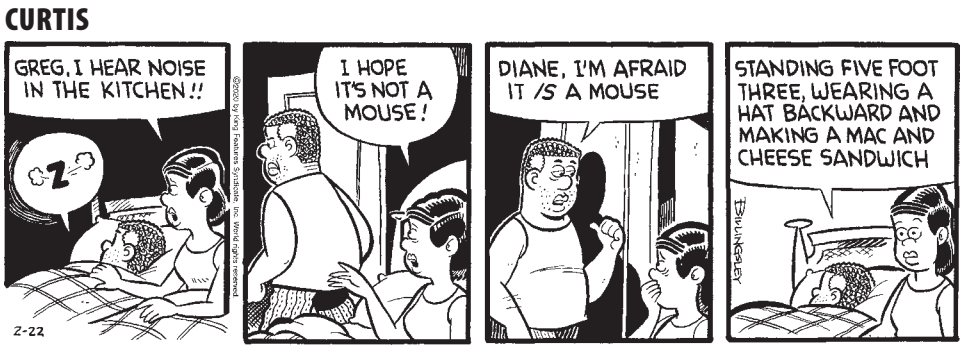
GREG, I HEAR NOISE IN THE KITCHEN!!
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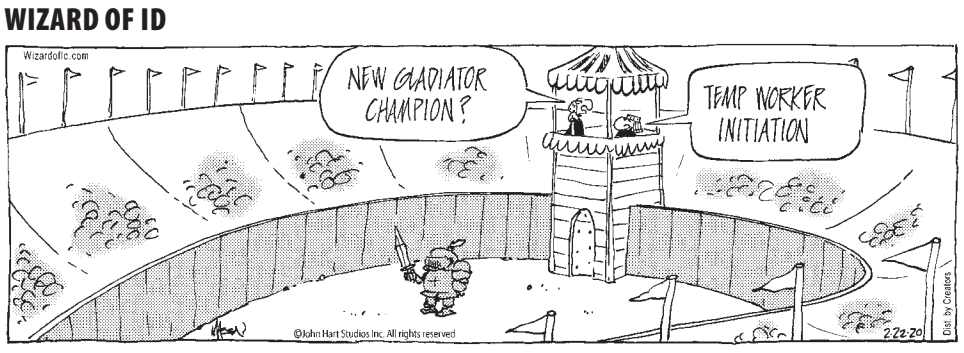
I HOPE IT'S NOT A MOUSE!
DIANE, I'M AFRAID IT IS A MOUSE
STANDING FIVE FOOT THREE, WEARING A HAT BACKWARD AND MAKING A MAC AND CHEESE SANDWICH
BUNKER

WIZARD OF ID



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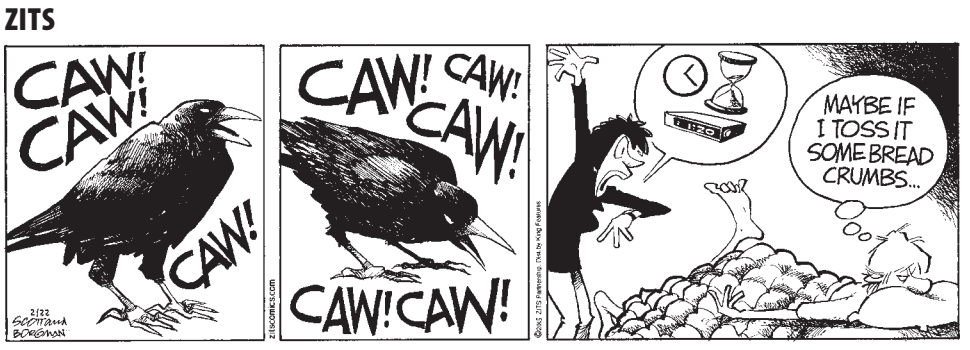
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CAW! CAW! CAW! CAW! CAW!
MAYBE IF I TOSS IT SOME BREAD CRUMBS...
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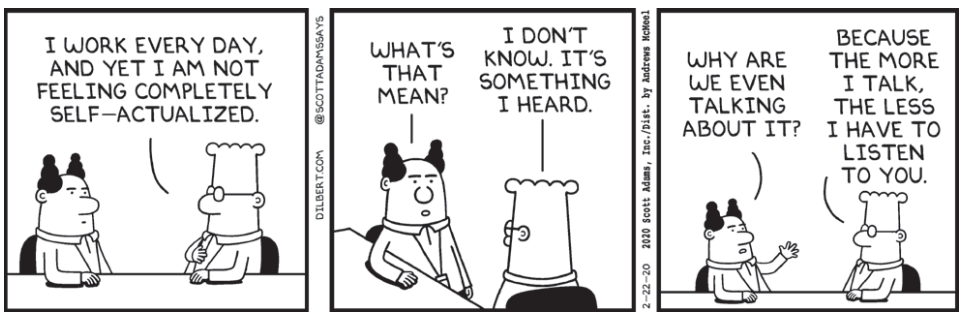
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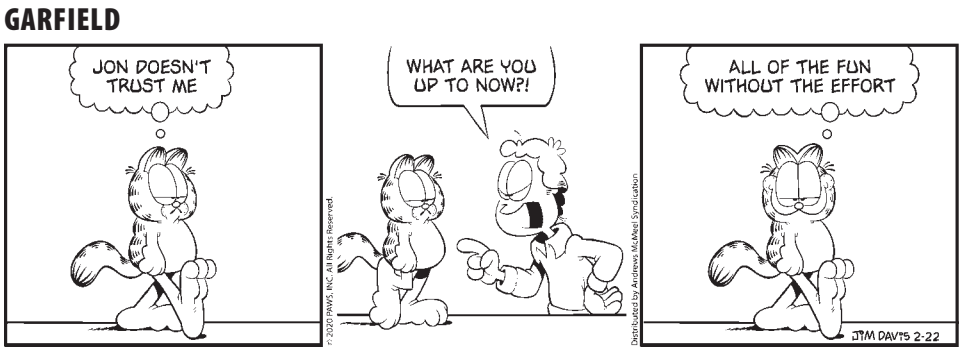
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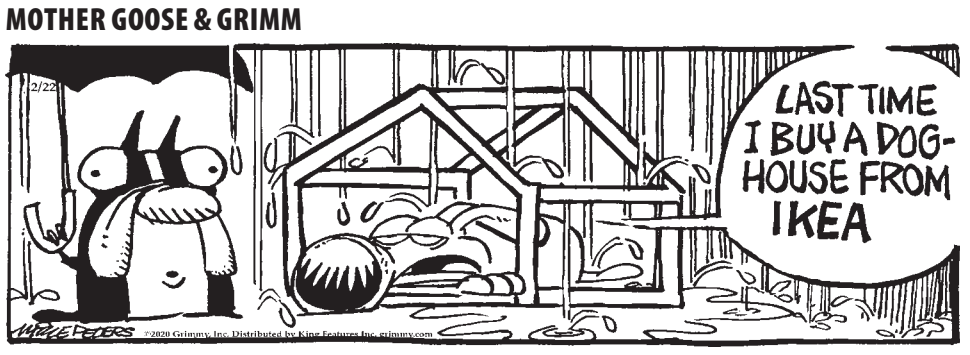

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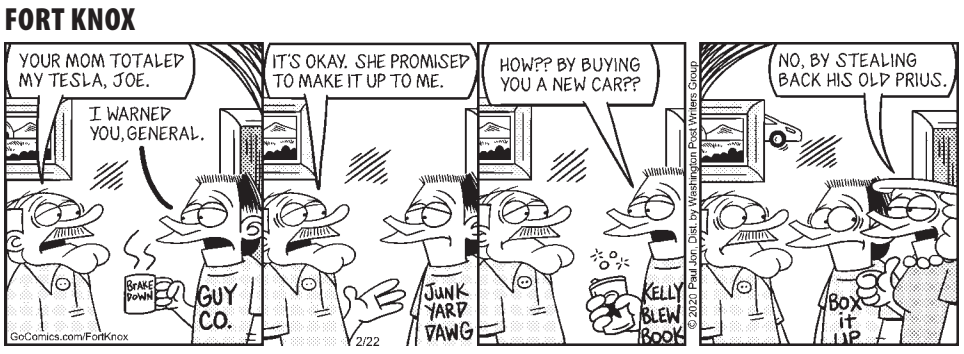
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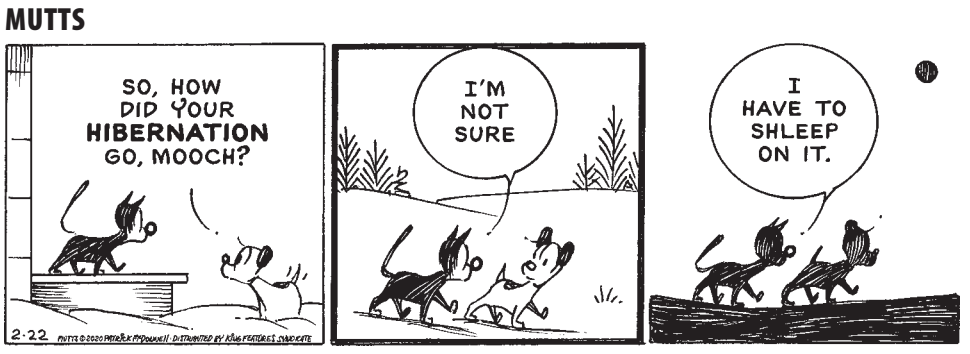
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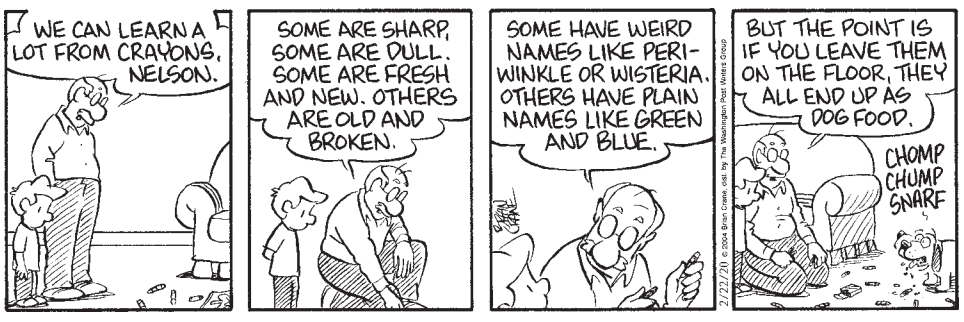
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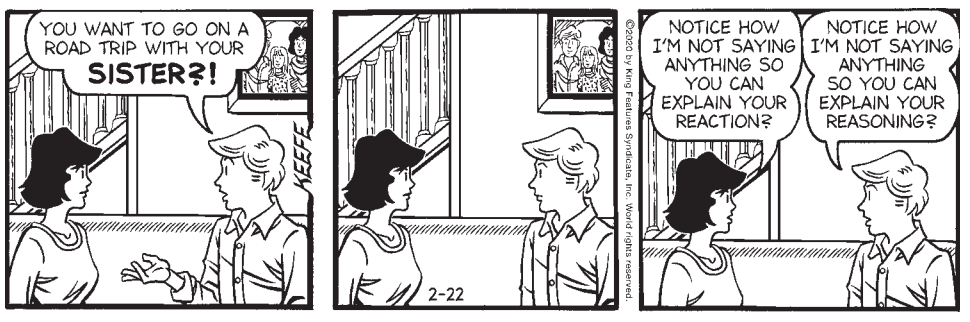
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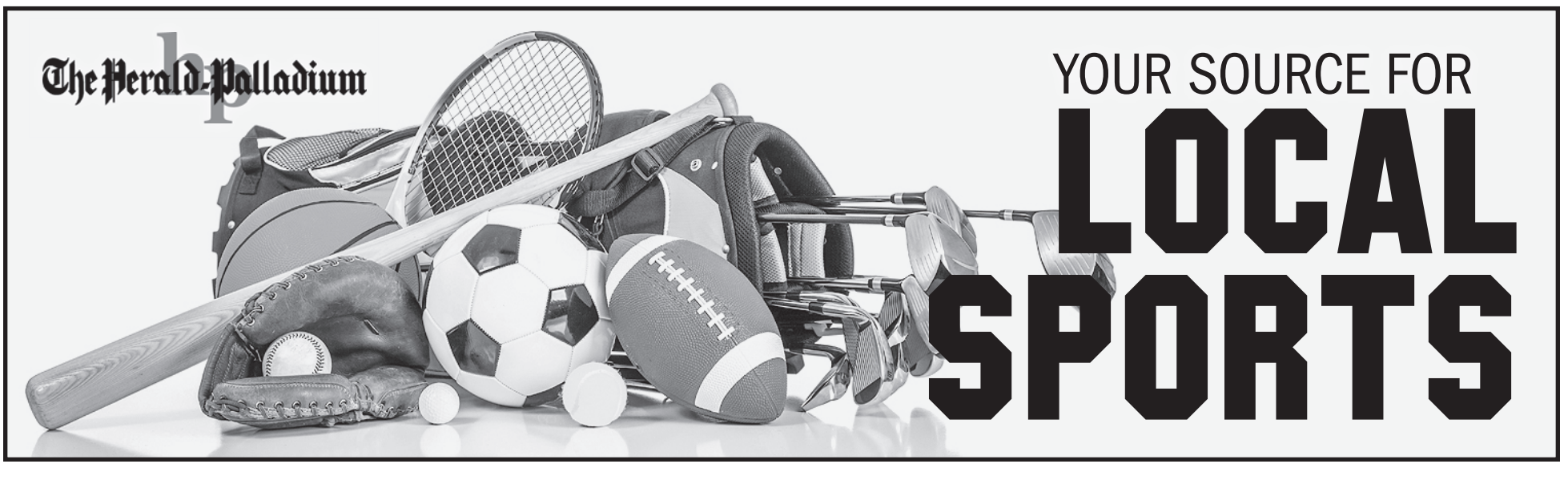

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Omar Sy is shown in a scene from "Call of the Wild."

A CGI canine yearns to be free in 'Call of the Wild'

Jake Coyle
Movie Review

Does the dog movie have any new tricks? Do we want it to?

For the most part, we want our dog movies like our pooches: comforting, obedient and slightly slobbery.

"The Call of the Wild," the latest adaptation of Jack London's 1903 novel, is all those things, but adds a new twist: its canine is computer generated.

Whether that's an improvement or not depends on how you prefer your animals, digital or more down-to-earth. Previous adaptations of "The Call of the Wild," going all the way back to 1923, were usually done with real dogs, including the 1935 version with Clark Gable and a 1972 film with Charlton Heston.

But movies, like sled dogs, run in packs. This "Call of the Wild," which co-stars Harrison Ford, follows a string of movies that have tried, and mostly failed, to herd the animal kingdom into the realm of CGI, including "The Lion King" and "Dolittle."

And yet they've still been upstaged by the genuine article. If we're giving out best in show, the paws-down choice of late has been Brad Pitt's pit bull in "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood."

It's not that Buck, the St. Bernard-collie mix, isn't a good boy. He's a towering, fluffy guy who will almost, but not quite, fool you into thinking he's real.

He was created partially through a motion capture performance by Terry Notary, who was memorably ape-like in the dinner scene of Ruben Ostlund's "The Square." The more compelling, albeit unsettling version of "The Call of the Wild" may be seeing it with Notary's Buck, sans digital effects.

The movie, directed by Chris Sanders and penned by Michael Green, takes the basic shape of London's adventure while boosting the adrenaline whenever possible. There are added scenes, like an underwater rescue and an avalanche.

But it similarly sketches the Pacific Northwest odyssey of Buck, whose sunny days in California end when he's kidnapped and shipped north to fetch a price from the teaming miners of the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush in the Yukon.

Buck falls in first with a cheerful mailman named Perrault (Omar Sy), who teaches him to be a sled dog. There are worse owners, too, including a posh, abusive fortune-seeker (Dan Stevens).

But Buck also repeatedly encounters a bearded woodsman named John Thornton (Ford) who's our narrator and Buck's eventual master.

So smart a dog is he that he even noses away the bottles of the heavy-drinking Thornton, like some animal dreamed up by AA and the ASPCA.

Buck's destiny remains easy to root for. And Ford, looking happier to be on screen than he has in some time, adds considerably to the movie's charm. The whole thing, with Steven Spielberg's regular cinematographer Janusz Kaminski handling photography, has a warm polish.

But it's also thoroughly ironic to make a movie about the gravitational pull of the wilderness with so much help from computers. There is little here, amid the high-tech photorealistic animations, that would satisfy London's concept of "wild."

"The Call of the Wild" is the first film released under the newly renamed Twentieth Century Pictures, the studio formerly Twentieth Century Fox and since acquired by the Walt Disney Co.

It's a name and logo that can look a little neutered, even if "The Call of the Wild" may seem like it had Disney DNA from the start. But Disney has its own formidable new sled dog movie, too, in "Togo" (starring a real dog), which recently debuted on its streaming service.

All of which is to say that today's movie landscape is, as ever, a dog eat dog world.

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'The Call of the Wild'

★ ★

(out of 4 stars)

- **Starring:** Karen Gillan, Harrison Ford, Jean Louisa Kelly, Dan Stevens and Bradley Whitford
- **Directed by:** Chris Sanders
- **Written by:** Michael Green
- **Running time:** 100 minutes
- **Rated:** PG

(for some violence, peril, thematic elements and mild language)

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The new Peacock streaming service is considering bringing back "Saved by the Bell," a sitcom staple from 1989-93.

Why TV is obsessed with rebooting your favorite shows

By NEAL JUSTIN
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

Phillip Caruso / Hulu / TNS

Supporting actors David H. Holmes and Da'Vine Joy Randolph are shown in a scene from "High Fidelity."

LOS ANGELES — A new streaming service is trying to drum up enthusiasm by promising to reunite six beloved "friends" who last flirted and fought their way into our hearts more than 15 years ago.

But don't reserve a table at Central Perk just yet.

Peacock is bragging about bringing back "Saved by the Bell," the 1989-93 sitcom so tone deaf about teenage life that it made "Welcome Back, Kotter" seem like a documentary.

The NBCU-owned newcomer, which launches in April, is also working on the further adventures of "Punky Brewster" and yet another reboot of "Battlestar Galactica."

Executives would obviously rather be promoting the return of Ross and Rachel, but these days programmers are eager to recycle any familiar titles they can get their hands on.

Last week alone offered the updated versions of "The Soup," "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" and a Hulu adaptation of "High Fidelity." ABC announced last month that it plans to bring back "Thirtysomething" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Either Hollywood is running low on fresh ideas, or viewers have an unprecedented appetite for nostalgia. The gatekeepers are betting on the latter.

"In the climate we're living in, it feels like this show is the warm hug everybody needs right now," Loren Ruch, senior vice president of production for HGTV, said at the Television Critics Association press tour.

HGTV has tapped Jesse Tyler Ferguson of "Modern Family" as the new host of "Extreme Makeover," which last aired as a regular series in 2012.

"And who would you rather get a good warm hug from than Jesse and his team?" Ruch asked.

Part of the strategy is that time-tested titles will help attract viewers bombarded with a staggering number of options. More than 500 scripted series debuted last year. The upcoming addition of new competitors like Peacock and HBO Max in 2020 is certain to blow that record out of the water.

"In a marketplace where it is very hard to launch new shows, having built-in familiarity is great," said Heather Olander, an NBCU senior vice president who greenlit reboots of "Temptation Island" and "The Biggest Loser" for USA Network.

To a certain extent, the strategy has worked. Many shows that got rebooted during the past five years – "MacGyver," "Charmed," "Lost in Space," "The Twilight Zone," "Queer Eye," "Dynasty," "American Idol" – have done well enough in the ratings to remain on the air.

Others, like "24: Legacy," "Ironside" and "Murphy Brown," were barely out of the starting gate when viewers were put out of their misery.

"As you can imagine, the bar is very high," said HBO Max's head of original content, Sarah Aubrey, who is developing a new version of "Gossip Girl" with the soap's original creators, Josh Schwartz and Stephanie Savage. "I think one of the benefits of having the original creators involved is that they are very clear on what the essential elements of the show are and are not. But they're also really excited to bring a modern lens to it 10 years later."

Same old, same old

That formula almost worked for "Will & Grace." Viewers were initially thrilled to see what the old gang was up to after an 11-year hiatus. But it soon became apparent that not much had changed.

The new episodes became hard to distinguish from the classic reruns. Interest faded; the series wraps up (again) later this year.

On the other hand, the revival of "Roseanne" – later retitled "The Conners" – remains a solid hit for ABC, in large part because the firing of Roseanne Barr forced the show to focus on her daughters, braving a frontier of fresh, and often funny, challenges.

Some of the best reboots have avoided the temptation of cast reunions altogether.

Freeform's "Party of Five" has relocated from San Francisco to Los Angeles, where the Acosta kids are struggling to keep their household and family restaurant from falling apart after their parents are deported to Mexico. The siblings share some of the personality traits of the Salinger children growing up in the '90s. But, at best, they're cousins twice removed.

"I'm not interested in people who say, 'I can't find the original in this show.' I didn't reboot the show to give them the exact same thing," said writer and producer Amy Lippman, a driving force on both "Party" versions. "We had the opportunity to reboot the show over and over and over again, but the reasons were never good enough because I thought we did it OK the first time around. The reason you do it now is to say to the audience, 'There are qualities in the original that are present here, but it's a new story and a new family. But it's told by the same people. If you liked it then, I guarantee there's something to watch in this one.'"

"One Day at Time," which kicks off its fourth season next month, also decided to return with a Latino family. There are obvious cultural adaptations – grandma Rita Moreno occasionally throwing a tantrum in Spanish – but the series also reflects other issues that weren't addressed during its 1975-84 run.

Justina Machado's character, for example, struggles with post-traumatic stress disorder from her time in the Army.

Reflecting the times

But the show's chief adviser is wary of making too much of the differences between the two incarnations.

"This is just another version of that show as we did it at another time," said Norman Lear, who is also enjoying success these days with ABC's live reenactments of some of his other classic sitcoms, including "All in the Family." "I never sat down to cure America of its problems. We just reflect them. I think that's what television and theater does. It reflects the problem and then we get up, walk out and talk about it and live our lives perhaps just a hair differently as a result."

In "High Fidelity," which premiered this month on Hulu, the main character, played by John Cusack in the 2000 movie, is now being tackled by Zoe Kravitz. Producers hope the gender swap will help distinguish the series from the film and Nick Hornby's novel.

"I didn't want to redo it without making this change," said series' co-writer Veronica West. "We watch a lot of romantic comedies with female leads and their problems always seem to be that they can't find the right man or they're desperate to get married or they're self-destructive in some way. But when a man is the lead, the problems are internal. It was interesting for us to tell this from a woman's point of view and let her issues with romance really just be about learning how to figure herself out and not being about finding Mr. Right."

Of course, all the rules about making radical changes could go out the window if Hollywood ever arranged that "Friends" reunion. Fans would be thrilled to hear Phoebe still performing "Smelly Cat" – at least for a little while.

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The Native Plant Garden at the New York Botanical Garden is shown.

Landscape architects shift their emphasis to the ecosystem

By KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

Landscape architects are finding themselves on the front lines of the climate change crisis, having to come up with creative ways to adapt and help mitigate problems like rising oceans and extreme weather as they design projects across the country.

"The focus on sustainability has been building slowly for a long time among landscape architects, but in recent years that commitment has really taken hold," says Jacquelyn Bianchini, a spokeswoman at the Washington, D.C.-based American Society of Landscape Architects. She said those in the profession "have to deal with climate change more than almost any other design fields."

Landscape architect Kate Orff heads the firm Scape, known for ecologically driven projects around the country. She feels a responsibility to take on projects that emphasize sustainability.

"Our profession has been working hand in hand with the carbon-driven world since the field's inception. ... We've been living in this world where we're creating beautiful gardens in the foreground while the planet is collapsing in the background," she says.

"My goal is to flip that relationship around so the focus is on ecological systems, and we then link what we do with policy ideas, and infrastructure to that reality," says Orff, who recently became the first landscape architect awarded a MacArthur "genius" Fellowship.

She is the lead designer of a $60 million barrier reef and shoreline restoration project off Staten Island, N.Y., called Living Breakwaters. It incorporates oyster reefs, wetlands and strands to reduce the effects of storm surges. In Atlanta, it is developing a 100-mile trail linking communities along a vast distance to encourage mobility, equity and sustainability.

While landscape architects often focus on large, community projects, they say consideration of the environment also needs to take place at home, when people are designing their own gardens and deciding what to plant in their backyards.

"Even though gardening is listed in the top five hobbies of Americans, somehow we've not translated that into care for our environment. We need to try to somehow do a better job of bridging the divide between personal gardens and the larger global situation. It's all connected," Orff says.

Todd Forrest, vice president for horticulture and living collections at the New York Botanical Garden, concurs.

"People who are creating home gardens, or people like me who manage gardens for the public, deal with the reality of climate every day and always have. A gardener is the first person and the last person you should talk with about climate change, and we deal with issues of plant adaptability in everything we do," he says.

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KATE ORFF
Landscape architect

Forrest, who used to teach a class called Gardening and a Changing Climate, says, "every citizen of the world should look across all their activities and ask themselves, 'How can I live more simply or thoughtfully so that I'm not contributing to the eventual loss of native biodiversity around the world?' We can design our gardens to provide habitat for insects. But we can also over-fertilize and damage the environment."

To be a good environmental citizen, he says, you need "to learn and to pay close attention, to adapt and at the same time be a part of the effort to reduce carbon emissions."

At the botanical garden, that's meant experimenting with more plants native to the southern mid-Atlantic states, a region south of New York City. The Long Leaf Pine is one example.

"No one thought that it would grow here, and it's now thriving here," he says. "The challenge is that models suggest more extreme weather events, not a steady change. It's hard to plant a garden that's impervious to a hurricane or nor'easter. ... Even as the climate warms, we're still going to have New York winters, so you're looking to plants that can handle extremes."

In 2017, the American Society of Landscape Architects convened a blue-ribbon panel on "Climate Change and Resilience," which resulted in a broad set of suggested strategies and policy guidelines. And last year, the group highlighted 20 case studies of projects that put the report's recommendations into practice.

That "Smart Policies for a Changing Climate" exhibition is on view at the Center for Landscape Architecture in Washington (a virtual component is on view at climate.asla.org).

"It's everyone's problem," Bianchini says, "and landscape architects are in the best position to help deal with this."

Gardeners can act to help bees

By DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

Dean Fosdick / AP

A beekeeper checks her honeybee hive boxes for production and ensures the queen is still healthy and laying eggs for the next generation of workers. The best defense against bee poisoning is to avoid spraying plants that are in bloom. If you must use pesticides, use those with a short half-life and low toxicity to bees and other beneficial insects.

Chemicals are routinely applied around residential landscapes to kill insect pests and troublesome weeds, but many are indiscriminate and devastate pollinators in the process.

Over the past 30-plus years, pollinator populations have crashed worldwide due to a variety of reasons, including pesticide and herbicide exposure, invasive pests and diseases, loss of habitat, loss of species and genetic diversity, and a changing climate, scientists say.

Pesticide contamination of lawns, gardens and waterways is widespread, and even at sub-lethal levels can impact pollinators' foraging ability and hive productivity.

"Honeybees are not the most impacted of pollinators," said Katie Buckley, pollinator coordinator with the Washington State Department of Agriculture. "Once-common butterfly and native bee species have become rare, with some on the verge of extinction."

The rusty patched bumblebee, island marble butterfly, Taylor's checkerspot butterfly and the familiar monarch butterfly were among those singled out by Buckley as greatly depleted.

Pesticides are over-applied by many backyard gardeners, said James Dill, a pest management specialist with University of Maine Extension.

"They don't read the labels, or they eyeball the amounts," Dill said. "Sometimes, if maybe an ounce is called for, they'll use 2 ounces. They often will use a calendar spray schedule or just spray because they had a problem in the past."

But well-informed gardeners can be a big help in reversing the pollinator declines, especially those caused by chemical poisoning.

"In general, the best defense is to avoid spraying plants that are in bloom, use pesticides that have a short half-life when possible, and use pesticides with low toxicity to bees and other beneficial insects," Buckley said. "Whether as a farmer or a homeowner, it is critical to always read and follow the label."

Clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam are highly toxic to honeybees by contact and ingestion, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's toxicity classification scale for bees. Thiacloprid and acetamiprid are moderately toxic, the federal agency says.

If you keep bees, finding the right apiary location is an important way to reduce pesticide exposure.

"Keeping colonies as far away from commercial agriculture as possible (4 to 5 miles) is the safest," Dill said. "Drive around your area where you intend to keep hives and get the lay of the land so you know what you are dealing with. If you have a large, pesticide-free foraging area with diverse flowering plants nearby, that would be ideal."

Supplying honeybees with uncontaminated water is also an effective deterrent, said Kevin Jensen, a pesticide management compliance investigator with the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

"If the bees do not have a water source in the apiary, they will be forced to look for water elsewhere during the hot months," Jensen said. "This can result in bees being attracted to an area that is being sprayed, even though that area may not have flowers blooming in it."

Even pesticides allowed for use in organic agriculture can harm bees and other beneficial insects like flies, beetles, moths and wasps, entomologists say.

"Homeowners should avoid using pesticides in backyards and instead use nontoxic methods such as soapy water to get rid of pests such as aphids," said Ramesh Sagili, an associate professor-apiculture with Oregon State University.

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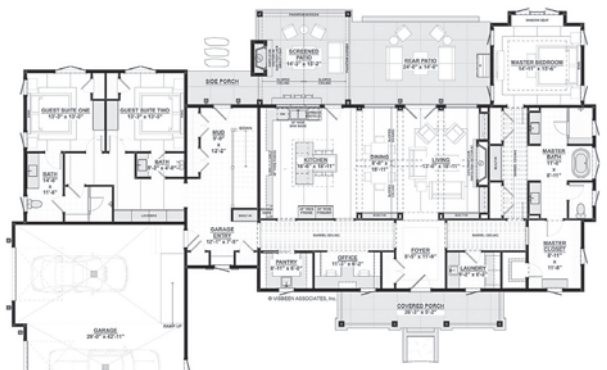

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- Located in the Lincoln Town Center
- High-Exposure, High Traffic Area
- Located off of Red Arrow Highway and Near I-94
- 1,500 sqft with Plenty of Parking
- Unit 4064 Currently has Front Office, Waiting & Exam Rooms
- Building is Home to Crimson Cafe, Papa Johns

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Ben Stephen
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821 Friar Tuck Drive $218,800
Sturgis
- 4 BR, 1.5 BA, 1 ,570 SF
- Nice all Brick Ranch
- Spacious Rooms including a Hot Tub Room
- Attached Finished Garage
- Heated Inground Pool and Spa with Cabana

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3487 Bluegrass Way $439,000
St. Joseph
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- Newly Sevaled Oak Floors
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2012 Forres Ave. $174,900
St. Joseph
- 2 BR, 1 BA 1,171 SF
- Generous Corner Lot
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- Beautiful Hardwood Floors
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Phyllis Palmer
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1022 E. Snow Road $335,000
Buchanan
- 4 BR, 3 BA, 1,821 SF
- Home is Situated on Almost 2 Acres
- On a Beautiful Parcel Near Tabor Hill Winery
- Open Floor Plan with Cathedral Ceilings
- Main Level Master and Laundry Room

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Shawn Ashley
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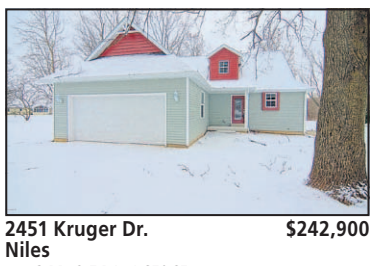

2451 Kruger Dr. $242,900
Niles
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- New Construction!
- Master Bedroom has an Ensuite
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ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Organizational meeting of the St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall. No appeals of 2020 assessments will be heard at this meeting.

The Board of Review will be held at the Township Hall, 3000 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, MI and will meet to hear appeals of 2020 assessments on Monday, March 9, 2020, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter on or before March 11, 2020.

Estimated multipliers for each class of property for 2020 are as follows:

201 Commercial - 0.9743

301 Industrial - 1.0040

401 Residential - 1.0386

The tentative ratio for each class is 50%. The inflation rate for use in calculating 2020 capped values is 1.0190.

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Roger Seely
Supervisor/Secretary to Board of Review

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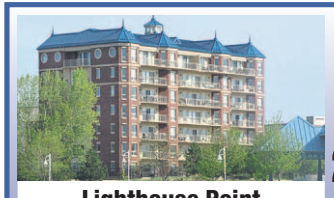

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201 Commercial - 1.0410

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Denise Westfall
City Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Stephen

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Three Oaks, MI
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An emotional incident can ruin your day. Stay out of trouble by recognizing when something or someone isn't worth getting upset over. Strive for peace, productivity and patience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Escapist tendencies will lead to trouble. Refuse to get involved with indulgent people or engage in questionable pastimes. Focus on health and happiness. Make peace and love priorities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Share information with someone you find interesting. Sign up for something that will expand your mind and boost your creativity. If you team up with someone you feel comfortable with, positive change will take place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Stay focused on what's important to you. Invest time, effort and money in what makes you happy. Focus on personal gain. Don't let others interfere with your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can get a lot done, but don't run yourself ragged. Know when to remove yourself from a situation. Call the shots and live life your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Get together with supportive people. You can make personal improvements if you take time for your own needs instead of trying to please everyone else. Don't give in to demanding people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Time is on your side. Refuse to let someone mess with your emotions or upset you with an unexpected change. Do what's best for you and stop worrying about others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Delays are likely if you travel. Getting together with someone you don't see often will be confusing. Offer positive feedback, but don't make promises or assumptions without first checking the facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A personal situation will surface if you aren't sensitive to issues someone is experiencing. Be a good listener so you can be a help, not a hindrance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Consider your options regarding money matters. Invest more in knowledge, skills and personal growth. Set up a reasonable budget that will encourage building equity and security while easing stress.

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers E5

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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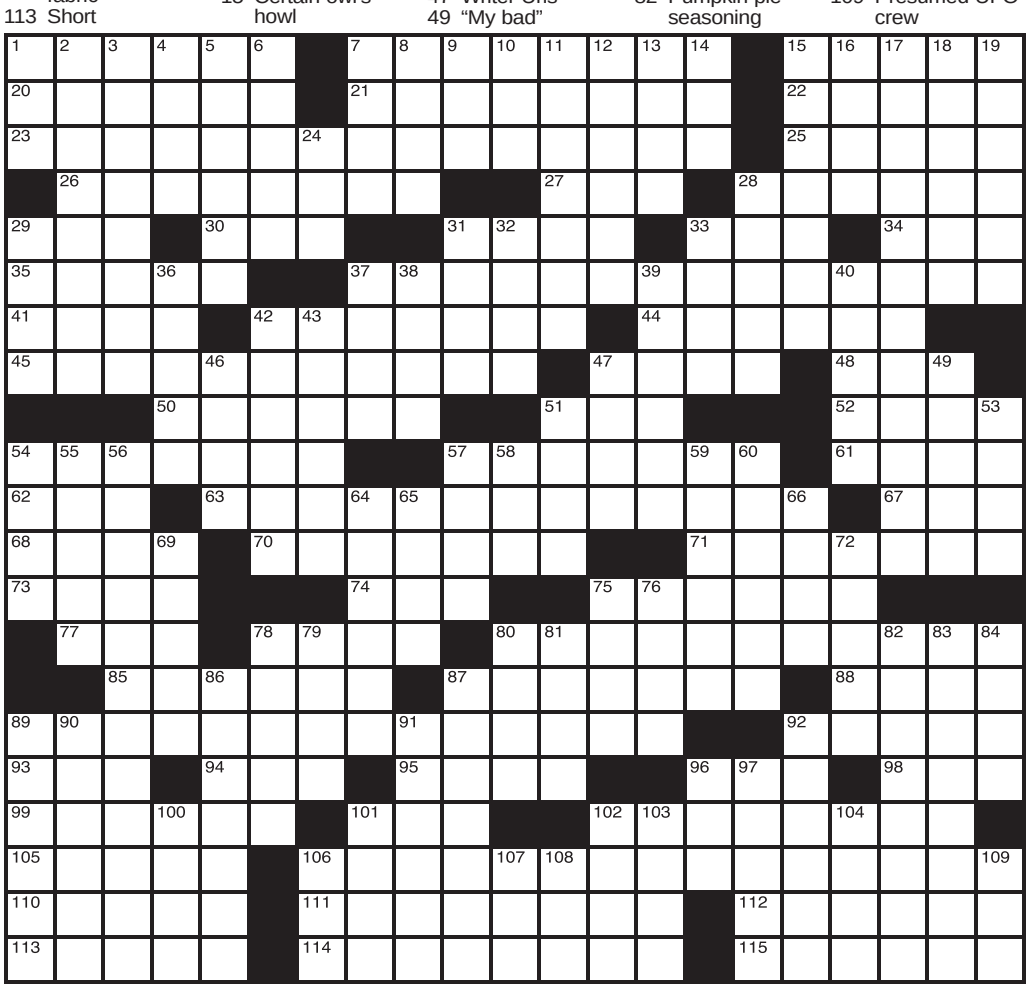
"HERD MENTALITY" By JOHN-CLARK LEVIN

ACROSS

1 Small Mercedes sedan
7 Golf match equalizer
15 Less risky
20 Lighthearted
21 Cheerio relative
22 Yearn for
23 Ants in the British colonies?
25 Drove at Indy
26 Tentative agreement
27 Baton Rouge-to-Jackson dir.
28 "Great" Russian czar
29 Sun Devils' sch.
30 Updike's "Rabbit Redux," e.g.: Abbr.
31 Tennis immortal
33 Dull opening?
34 Gp. with a three-finger salute
35 Listing
37 Fish attending Mass?
41 Baroque painter Guido
42 Elvis sings it in "Blue Hawaii"
44 Sarcastic "So sad"
45 Lions marching event?
47 Cataract surgery replacement
48 Green-lights
50 Edmond __: the Count of Monte Cristo
51 Large body of eau
52 Fiscal execs
54 Pope's jurisdiction
57 Reason for a star
61 Juno, to Socrates
62 Punk subgenre
63 Whales' sorely lacking veggie supply?
67 Goof
68 Pringles alternative
70 Nestlé candy with a white covering
71 "Shoulda listened to me!"
73 Cool, in '90s slang
74 LAPD unit?
75 Madame's Spanish counterpart
77 Pale __
78 Dilute
80 Wolves from Lower Manhattan?
85 Things to avoid
87 Rangers' domains
88 Wild plum
89 Bats living in an old Chrysler?
92 Whoopi's role in "The Color Purple"
93 VCR button
94 Degree in math
95 Tinged
96 Texter's qualifier
98 NBC show since 1975
99 Gives the slip
101 Be on duty at, as a battle station
102 Aids in DNA sequencing research
105 Fathered
106 Crows sailing from Ethiopia to Egypt?
110 Orson Scott Card protagonist
__ Wiggin
111 Documented
112 Swimwear fabric
113 Short
114 Closed ecosystems
115 Net worth component

DOWN

1 "black-ish" airer
2 Symbol of monastic life
3 Alfredo __, "Ratatouille" character named for a pasta
4 Alaskan island invaded by Japan in WWII
5 Least likely to mingle
6 Connotation
7 Brinker on skates
8 Start to correct?
9 Gun lobby org.
10 __ Taco
11 Scott classic
12 "Race Matters" author West
13 Lyon lover's word
14 Ask invasively
15 Certain owl's howl
16 "How now? __?": Hamlet
17 News source for millions
18 "Be it __ humble ... ": song lyric
19 Phone button
24 Law firm abbr.
28 Baja bar tender?
29 __ The Magazine
31 Just barely
32 Oxford, but not Cambridge
33 Mousetrap brand
36 1970s Plumber
37 Exercise target
38 Shouts of discovery
39 Madrid-based airline
40 Moonshine
42 Reuters apps alternative
43 Tardy with
46 Down __: Maine nickname
47 Writer Uris
49 "My bad"
51 ER scans
53 "Love Song" singer Bareilles
54 Beatles album with a bang
55 The Wizard of Oz's hometown
56 Rewards for regulars
57 Lukas of "Witness"
58 Debatable "gift"
59 Small piano
60 General __
64 Refinement
65 Aspiring MBA's major
66 Fishing boat
69 Boiling sign
72 What a subscription renewal prevents
75 WWII weapon
76 Crafts website
78 Hypes
79 Frozen planet in "The Empire Strikes Back"
80 Tree trunk
81 J.Lo's fiancé
82 Pumpkin pie seasoning
83 Vending machine feature
84 Underwater projection
86 Not even moist
87 Based
89 Car radio button
90 Adam of Maroon 5
91 Mexican horseman
92 Rising stars
96 QB's pass to a CB, say
97 L.A. Philharmonic Conductor Emeritus
100 Tick-ing bomb?
101 City bond, briefly
102 "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" author
103 Results
104 Spanish cordial
106 Rabble
107 "The Name of the Rose" author
108 __-com
109 Presumed UFO crew



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Can working on a car increase the odometer?

DEAR CAR TALK: Will a car's odometer increase when being driven stationary on a mechanic's lift in a garage? – John

DEAR JOHN: Let me guess, you took your car into a shop and it came back with 75 extra miles on the odometer.

You went to the mechanic and said, "Hey, what's this?" And he said: "Oh, gee, my assistant, Walter, had it on the lift, listening for a noise, and then the burrito truck showed up. So he went for a burrito, then he got into an argument about carnitas versus tofu. Then, after the burrito, he spent 45 minutes in the bathroom, so an hour later he came back and there were 75 miles on the odometer."

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

And your mechanic emphasized that the miles were definitely not put on by his nephew, Horace, who definitely did not drive it to an out-of-state party at Phi Kappa Barfa last night.

Well, the answer to your question is yes, the speedometer and odometer will move if a car is driven on a lift.

When the car is in Drive, the wheels are turning. And when the wheels are turning, the vehicle speed sensor is picking up a signal, and that's what moves the speedometer and odometer.

And there are often good reasons for running the car in drive up on the lift. If there's a noise or vibration that only occurs when you're driving the car, that can be the best way to figure out where it's coming from. On the other hand, that kind of diagnostic work should rarely add more than a handful of miles to your odometer.

Think about it. If you put the car on the lift, and put it in drive, the engine is running at idle speed. The wheels are turning lazily, at the equivalent of maybe 10 mph. At 10 mph, if you run it for six minutes, that's a mile. More often, we'll be trying to find a drivetrain noise that only occurs at a certain speed.

Let's say we heard the noise at 60 mph during our road test. Then we'll put a guy in the car while it's up on the lift and tell him to bring it up to 60 mph while another guy is listening underneath. But even that process only takes a minute or two. And even at 60 mph, that's two miles on the odometer.

So – including the mechanic's test drive – if you've got more than 10 extra miles on the odometer after a trip to the shop, your mechanic owes you an explanation.

There may be a legitimate one. It may have required several long test drives to get the problem to occur. But if you see a bunch of empty red Solo beer cups in the back, be skeptical.

DEAR CAR TALK: I have a 2011 Subaru Outback.

The "icy road" sensor misreads the road all the time and cuts the power, making the car stutter. It happens most when I turn a corner and slowly accelerate out of the corner.

I got the whole sensor computer box replaced and it stopped happening for four months, but then started again! I hope you can help. – Defne

DEAR DEFNE: Let's start by defining a few terms.

By "icy road" sensor, you mean the traction control system. That uses the car's ABS (anti-lock braking system) to figure out when a wheel is spinning. It brakes just that wheel, and if the wheel keeps spinning, it then reduces engine power to stop it from spinning.

By "whole sensor computer box," we're going to assume you mean the ABS computer.

Now that I've correctly defined your question, I still have no idea what the answer is.

I'll give you two educated guesses, though. The most likely guess is that one of your wheel speed sensors is faulty.

Like the ABS, the traction control system uses the wheel speed sensors to compare how fast each of the four wheels is turning. If one is suddenly turning a lot faster, the "whole sensor computer box" concludes that the wheel must be spinning, and it takes action to stop it from spinning.

That should result in your ABS or traction control light coming on. And if a dashboard light is staying on, your car's computer should be able to tell you exactly which sensor is malfunctioning.

If your warning lights have not come on, I suppose you could try testing each sensor with something called a lab scope. Or you could try replacing one wheel speed sensor at a time and seeing if the problem goes away. But that'll cost some money.

A more remote possibility is that it's not the traction control system at all, but a really bad CV joint. The only reason I suggest that is because of when you say the problem occurs.

When CV joints go bad, they will often make a clacking noise (not unlike the ABS makes), and it tends to happen when you are accelerating out of a turn. If the CV joint is bad enough, it could even make the car seem like it's losing power.

So, ask your mechanic to check your CV joints, just in case. And if it turns out it was a CV joint all along, ask him if he wants a good deal on a barely used "whole sensor computer box."

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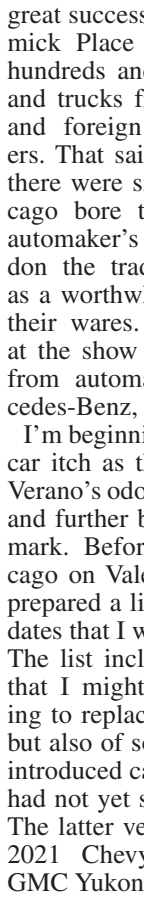
Highlights of the Chicago Auto Show

Dar Davis



The 2020 Chicago Auto Show is history, but the largest and best attended auto show in the U.S. once again showed the way for putting on a terrific event that keeps attendees happy and returning each year. My son Rob and I certainly had a grand time on our annual visit. With other major auto shows experiencing signs of stress with diminished attendance by enthusiasts and decreased participation from automakers, the Chicago show seems to be bucking the negative trends of late at sites like Detroit, Frankfort and other venues and continues to be a great success. As usual, McCormick Place was chock-full of hundreds and hundreds of cars and trucks from both domestic and foreign auto manufacturers. That said, I did notice that there were signs that even Chicago bore the brunt of some automaker's deciding to abandon the traditional auto show as a worthwhile venue to hawk their wares. Noticeably absent at the show was representation from automakers BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Mini and Volvo.

Photo provided / Rob Davis

There is no better place to visit than the Chicago Auto Show if you are in the market for a new car. Here Dar contemplates the newly introduced Chevy Trailblazer imported from Korea.

I'm beginning to scratch a new car itch as the numbers on my Verano's odometer edges further and further beyond the 100,000 mark. Before my trip to Chicago on Valentine's Day, I had prepared a list of vehicle candidates that I wanted to check out. The list included both vehicles that I might consider purchasing to replace my Buick sedan, but also of some of the recently introduced cars and trucks that I had not yet seen "in the metal." The latter vehicles included the 2021 Chevy Suburban/Tahoe, GMC Yukon/Yukon XL, Chrysler Pacifica and Cadillac CT4/CT5. On my list of candidates to replace my Verano included a bevy of compact crossovers including the Mazda CX-30, Buick Encore GX, Kia Seltos, Hyundai Venue and Kona, Ford Escape, Subaru CrossTrek, VW Touran and Chevy Trailblazer. With the exception of the Ford, Subaru and VW offerings, nearly all of the nameplates mentioned are brand spanking new, many seen by my eyes for the first time at the show.

Several on my to-buy list didn't pass the "love" test but a few did ... and one was a surprise front-runner. The top five final candidates include the Mazda CX-30, Kia Seltos, Chevy Trailblazer, Ford Escape and the Buick Encore GX. All are very nicely designed crossovers. They are the size I want in my small, one-car garage and all are nicely designed. Each has a couple of design features that I wish I could change, but overall all are acceptable from an exterior design standpoint. Thankfully, even these less expensive crossover offerings have an amazing number of standard safety features that are important to me. All can be purchased significantly below the national $35,000 average price paid here in the U.S. for a new vehicle. I went into McCormick assuming the all-new Buick Encore would be a frontrunner for my affections. I had seen photos of the car and liked what I saw. At the end of the day, however, the Encore's divisional sibling the Chevy Trailblazer won my affections, with the surprising all-new Kia Seltos taking the second spot.

Dar Davis / HP correspondent

A particularly eye-catching car at the Chicago Auto Show was the all new Hyundai Sonata. The sedan is exquisitely styled and stand outs, with pleasing design both inside and out.

Chevrolet's all-new Trailblazer was the last compact crossover that I visited and it is a deal-maker. Based on the same platform as the Buick Encore GX, it pushes all of the buttons that I want in a new car. Like all crossovers it surprises with its abundance of utility features like higher seating position, big space behind the front seats and wide open back hatch. Two non-functional features that I demand in a new vehicle are also found on the Trailblazer: It can be ordered with a two-tone exterior paint treatment and it comes with an interior option that is not black. The Trailblazer is a very nice looking vehicle. I haven't been able to determine if its good looks were created in a design studio here in the States or in Korea, where the vehicle is built. It doesn't matter – the little crossover looks great from all angles and is priced very competitively. I'd love it in my driveway.

That said, another Korean-designed and built crossover also earned my affections. Kia Automotive of late has been on a roll and its sales, even in a somewhat sluggish sales market, have been on the rise. Almost out of nowhere, Kia created and brought to market the Seltos and the compact crossover is just now arriving in dealership lots. Sized very similar to the Trailblazer, it too offers all the things I want in my new car. The Seltos gives the Trailblazer a run for the money in the subjective "looks" department, but my preference for owning a vehicle with a domestic automaker's name on it gave the Chevy the edge. All the other crossover candidates are impressive. Some missed the cut simply because they only came with a black interior (like the handsome, inexpensive Mazda CX-30) while others missed the cut because of price or safety (lack of) content.

Trivia question

What was the name and year of the first Hyundai car introduced in the U.S.?

I wondered while in the Ford truck display what my late dad would have said if I told him that I saw a pickup truck at the show with a sticker price of $107,000 (a Harley-Davidson package). I recall back in the day when he was dismayed when a loaf of bread reached a dollar. I'm guessing he paid around $1,800 for his 1959 Chevy Fleetside pickup. A sticker price of $107,000 is a long way from $1,800!

As always, I have a few car show observations to share.

There was a surprising lack of apparent interest in the yet-to-be-built Mustang Mach E all-electric crossover. Being all-new and being a Mustang, I expected the car to draw show-goers in droves. The single model on display only drew a few lookers. That is a mystery to me. No mystery was the enormous interest in the $750,000 Ford GT Carbon Liquid supercar. This special edition model has no paint on the body's carbon fiber surface. It's a stunner.

This year Toyota and Jeep were joined by VW in providing an indoor "test track" so show-goers could wait in line and take a ride in a new Camry, Wrangler, Touran or other nameplate. Providing butts-in-seat experiences to potential customers seems to be a growing trend at auto shows in the past few years.

The hands-down winner of the most eye catching new vehicle was the stunning Hyundai Sonata. Both son Rob and I agreed on this selection. Rob noted its "super looks, lux interior and neat solar roof feature." With the exception of the overwrought grille shape, it was just about perfect in every way. The outstanding Sonata is further proof that the Hyundai/Kia twin divisions are on a roll presently. Both brands are introducing great looking and well-executed vehicles and winning accolades left and right from buyers, car buff magazines and customer satisfaction survey companies like J. D. Powers and Associates.

It appears that Korea has replaced Japan as the new "it" country producing automobiles to capture the attention of consumer's eyes and, more importantly, the contents of their pocketbooks. Can one assume that in the near future China will be next in line? There were no Chinese automakers represented (not counting the China-built Buick Envision) in Chicago this year, but a number of the country's automakers are making moves to enter the U.S. market later this year or next. Stay tuned.

■ Trivia answer: Excel, introduced in 1986.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

What's the best size truck for your lifestyle?

By PETER GAREFFA
Edmunds (AP)

Today, people use their trucks for everything from taking the kids to school to hauling concrete.

To help out with purchasing a new truck, we have identified five common uses and provided suggestions for the right size truck to meet truck shoppers' needs.

Best truck for the daily commute: 2020 Chevrolet Colorado

If you're carpooling with a crowd, a full-size pickup with plenty of legroom in the back seat might work best for you. But a midsize truck will be a better choice for navigating congested city streets and keeping your monthly payments and fuel bills low.

The 2020 Chevrolet Colorado is a popular choice for a midsize pickup. Edmunds editors praise the Colorado for its powerful V6 engine, smooth ride quality and easy-to-operate cabin controls, all of which make it a sensible daily driver.

The Colorado, along with its twin, the GMC Canyon, is the only midsize pickup that offers a diesel engine as an option.

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The 2020 Honda Ridgeline, a midsize truck, is recommended for tailgating.

Best truck for recreational activities: 2020 Ford F-150

If you're the adventurous type who likes to ride a dirt bike or tow a large camper, a full-size pickup will deliver the most versatility in terms of utility, cargo capacity and comfort.

The 2020 Ford F-150's aluminum bed and body panels weigh less than traditional steel construction, giving it excellent cargo and towing capacities. Properly equipped, the full-size Ford boasts a maximum payload of more than 3,000 pounds and towing capacity of up to 13,200 pounds.

You'll be able to load the F-150 up with camping gear and tow your trailer with ease.

Best work truck for heavy cargo: 2020 Ram 2500

If your business requires serious cartage or towing, only a heavy-duty pickup will fit the bill. These models have beefier frames and stronger suspension systems designed to tow big trailers and haul heavy cargo.

With its smooth-riding coil-spring rear suspension and excellent towing and carrying capacities, the 2020 Ram 2500 combines comfort and utility. For hauling really big loads, some shoppers might opt for the Ram 3500, but its leaf-spring rear suspension means sacrificing a bit of comfort.

Hitting the sweet spot between ride and brawn, the Ram 2500 will meet the needs of most buyers, even if they're towing up to 19,780 pounds and carrying as much as 4,050 pounds.

Best truck for tailgating: 2020 Honda Ridgeline

Tailgating before sporting events and concerts has become more than a casual pastime; for many enthusiasts, it's a serious ritual. And while a sedan might work in a pinch, a pickup truck can be a better choice for diehard fans.

One good option is the midsize 2020 Honda Ridgeline. The Ridgeline has a lockable underbed storage compartment with a drain plug so it can be used as an ice chest. It also sports a nifty dual-action tailgate that can open down or swing to the side.

Hardcore truck owners might disparage the Ridgeline's 1,580-pound maximum payload capacity, but this pickup isn't meant to haul scrap iron. It's designed to provide maximum comfort and interior amenities alongside decent cargo room.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

A change to how you do things or earn your living should also encourage you to use the skills, talents and knowledge you enjoy the most. Your fine-tuned intuition will help you to follow your instincts. Leave the past behind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Fix whatever isn't working for you. Set rules, boundaries and goals. If you mix individuality with discipline and precision, you will achieve positive results. Take action and make a difference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Look at the pros and cons of any situation before you sign up for something that may not be good for you. Be realistic and make realistic plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do your best to make things happen. Live up to your word and make the world a better place. Keep life simple, live a healthy lifestyle and abide by the rules.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll come up against someone who doesn't play fair. Don't let your emotions get the better of you, or you will end up doing something that gets you in trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Iron out any differences you have with someone before matters escalate. Observe what's going on around you. Use information and experience to outmaneuver anyone who gets in your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't make a fuss, or you will lose ground. The best way to get what you want is to offer incentives and to use your Leo charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change may be in order, but that doesn't mean you should take a risk. Responsible action will get you much further than will trusting in something that isn't a sure thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Nurture meaningful relationships, but don't give in to unrealistic demands. Agree to changes that will help balance responsibilities equally, to avoid anyone from feeling used.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Travel, get together with old friends or make an adjustment to your current lifestyle. The sky is the limit, and the changes made will lead to more significant opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Stick close to home, protect your possessions and your meaningful relationships, and stay away from people who cause emotional distress or meddle in your affairs. Romance will improve your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful how you handle delicate situations involving relatives. Be a good listener, keep the information you receive to yourself and take better care of your body. Choose fitness over indulgent behavior.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Make changes to the way you handle your cash. Go over your bank statements, look for a way to cut corners, and adopt a lifestyle that is less taxing and more minimal.

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2019 FORD RANGER CREW CAB 4X4 XLT

HOT PEPPER RED METALLIC, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, 10 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, SATELLITE RADIO, ELECTRONIC LOCKING DIFFERENTIAL, FORD PASS CONNECT, FORWARD SENSING SYSTEM, REVERSE SENSING, REAR VIEW CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! F19510

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SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,245
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
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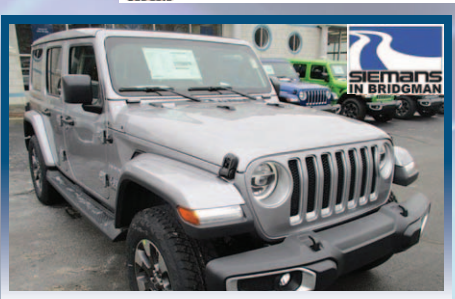

2019 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4 DEMO

BILLET SILVER METALLIC, SKY ONE-TOUCH POWER TOP, 18 INCH TECH GRAY POLISHED FACE WHEELS, LED LIGHTING GROUP, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, INTEGRATED VOICE COMMAND WITH BLUETOOTH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL AND MUCH MORE! C19130

MSRP	$50,665
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 4,670
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$43,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $43,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4

VELVET RED PEARL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER SEAT, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20090

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42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 02/29/20

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STING-GREY, REMOTE START, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20041

LEASE FOR $259/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 02/29/20

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BRIGHT WHITE, SPEED CONTROL, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, PARK SENSE REAR PARK ASSIST SYSTEM, POWER FOLDING HEATED MIRRORS, INTERIOR CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MUCH MORE! C20088

MSRP	$35,970
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 1,975
REBATE	- 1,000
PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 750
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$30,245
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $29,745

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2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4

STINE GRAY, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, SATELLITE RADIO, 3.6 V6 ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MUCH MORE! C20036

LEASE FOR $349/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,200 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 02/29/20

2020 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, FULL SUNROOF, LEATHER INTERIOR, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, AND MUCH MORE! C20115

LEASE FOR $259/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,000 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 02/29/20

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MAXIMUM STEEL METALLIC, NAVIGATION, 20 LNCH ALUMINUM CHROME CLAD WHEELS, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER DRIVERS SEAT, POWER ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20083

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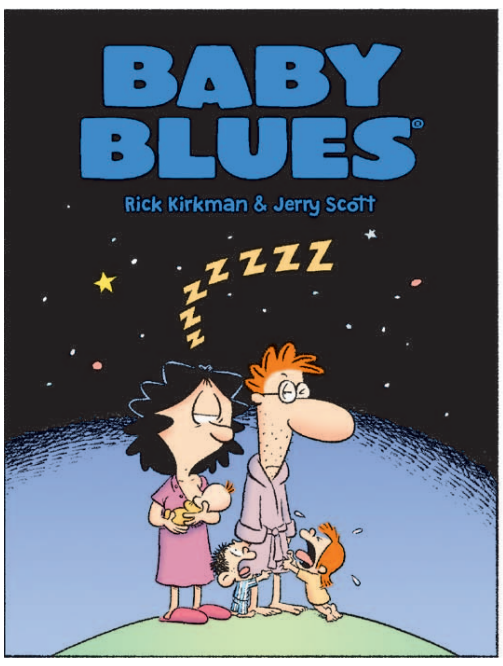

GARFIELD

TODAY'S FORECAST CALLS FOR SNOW...
AND TOMORROW, MORE SNOW
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AND THE NEXT DAY, MORE SNOW
AND THE NEXT DAY, MORE SNOW
JIM DAVIS 2-23
AND THE NEXT DAY, MORE SNOW
AND THE NEXT DAY, FREEZING RAIN
OH, GOODY! A WARM-UP!
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by SCOTT ADAMS

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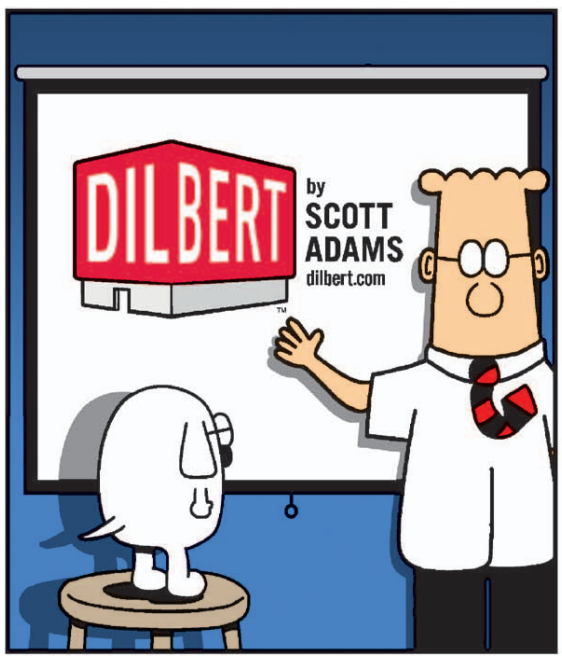

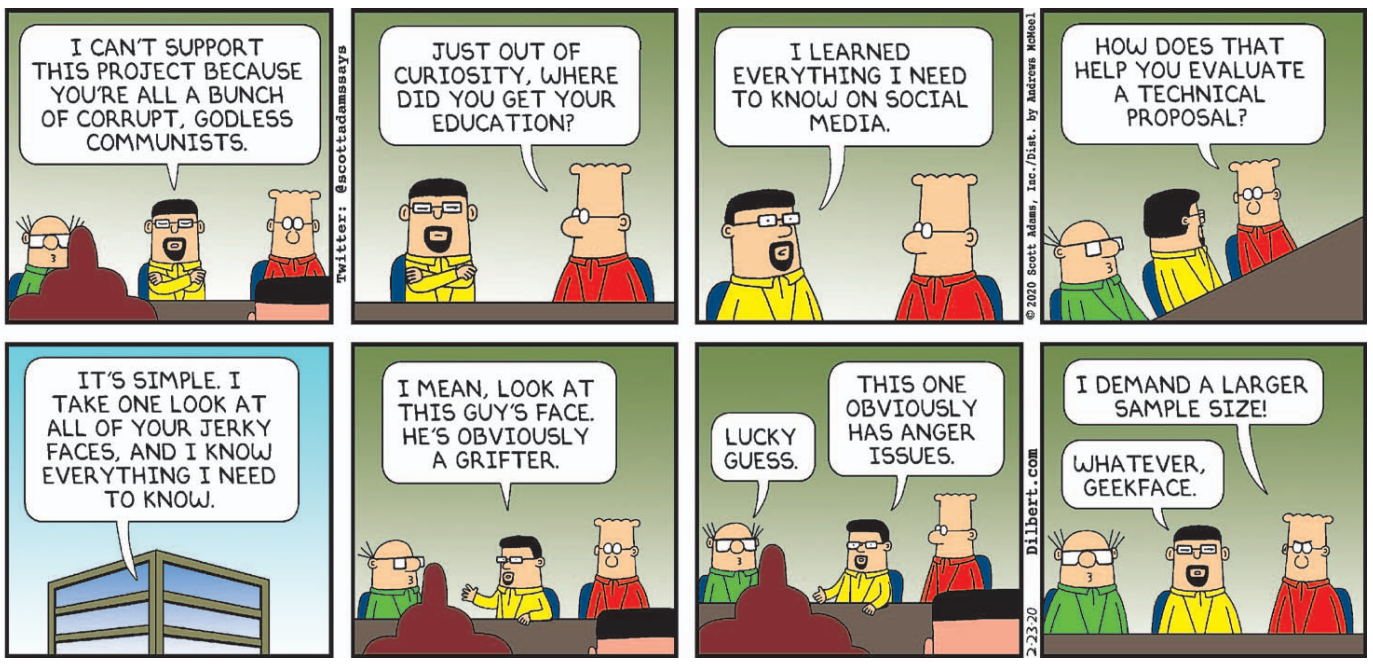
I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS PROJECT BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL A BUNCH OF CORRUPT, GODLESS COMMUNISTS.
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JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR EDUCATION?
I LEARNED EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
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IT'S SIMPLE. I TAKE ONE LOOK AT ALL OF YOUR JERKY FACES, AND I KNOW EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW.
I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS GUY'S FACE. HE'S OBVIOUSLY A GRIFTER.
LUCKY GUESS.
THIS ONE OBVIOUSLY HAS ANGER ISSUES.
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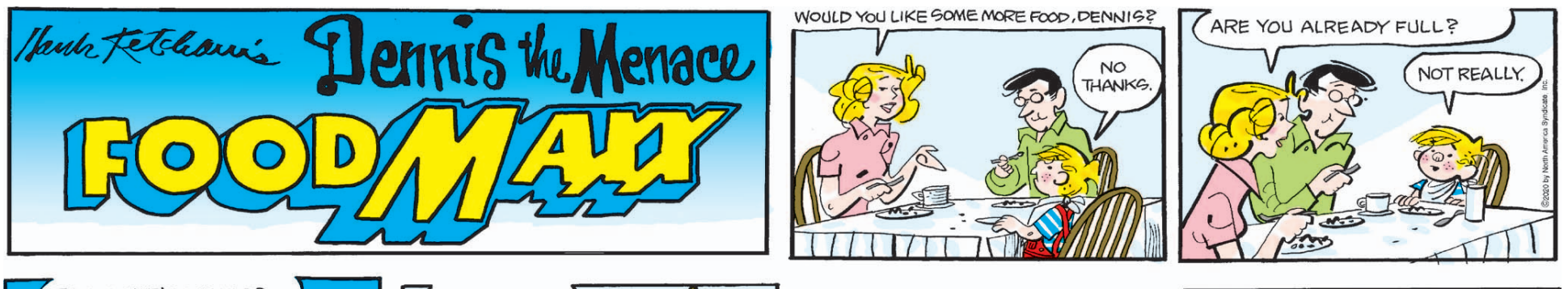
I DEMAND A LARGER SAMPLE SIZE!
WHATEVER, GEEKFACE.

Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace FOOD MAZE



CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

I REALLY ENJOY NICE, PEACEFUL DAYS LIKE THIS...
MRS. NELSON'S GIVING A KILLER TEST TOMORROW!
ON MY WAY HOME I BOUGHT A STUDY-PIZZA!
CREDIBLE THINKERS ON THE INTERNET SAY PIZZA IS THE PERFECT STUDY FOOD!
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SHE SAID THIS TEST WILL COUNT TOWARDS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF OUR GRADE!
I FIGURED THREE HOURS OF DEDICATED STUDY TONIGHT...
AND I'LL ACE THAT TEST TOMORROW!
CALL ME WHEN DINNER'S READY
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DID YOU NOTICE THAT HIS PIZZA WASN'T SLICED?
YEAH, I SAW IT.
BILLINGSLEY

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GOOD NIGHT, MOON...

UGH! THE SUN IS COMING UP **AGAIN!**

BRIGHTNESS AND WARMTH ARE OVERRATED

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IT'S THE SAME OLD THING DAY AFTER DAY

YOU NEED TO GET A NEW ACT!

WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM?!!

BEETLE LIKES TO GET AN EARLY START ON HIS COMPLAINING

GREG + MORT WALKER

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BLONDIE®

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

COULD YOU SPARE A MOMENT TO COME TO MY OFFICE?

SURE, BOSS

YOU AREN'T GOING TO FIRE ME FOR FALLING ASLEEP A LITTLE DURING YOUR MEETING THIS MORNING, ARE YOU?

I WAS GOING TO, BUT I DECIDED TO FLIP A COIN

IF IT'S HEADS, YOU CAN KEEP YOUR JOB, BUT IF IT'S TAILS, YOU'RE HISTORY!

FLIP

WELL?!

TAILS

C'MON, BOSS! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIRE ME OVER THE FLIP OF A COIN, ARE YOU?

WELL, WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

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YOU SURE LOOK HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING, DEAR

YEP, I BEAT THE BOSS PLAYING ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS THIS AFTERNOON!!

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MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell

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Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

DR. BRAGG WILL SEE YOU NOW.

HERE'S MY PRETTY LITTLE TRIXIE! HOW ARE YOU TODAY, SWEETIE?

YOU SURE ARE GROWING FAST! YOU'RE GETTING TO BE A BIG GIRL!

lbs.

AH! SOME TEETH COMING IN! SOON YOU'LL BE EATING STEAK!

YOU'RE DOING GREAT, TRIXIE! AS HEALTHY AS CAN BE!

LET'S SEE IF WE NEED SOMETHING EXTRA.

DOC SEEMS TO BE A NICE GUY ON THE SURFACE...

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THIS WILL ONLY HURT A LITTLE.

I STILL DON'T TRUST HIM.

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The FAMILY CIRCUS®

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SEE YA LATER, JESSE, I'VE GOTTA GET HOME RIGHT AWAY.

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KEEP OFF THIS ROAD

WELL, YOU JUST RETRACE YOUR STEPS TILL YOU FIND THOSE GLOVES!

BIL and JEFF KEANE

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FUNKY WINKERBEAN®

by TOM BATIUK

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO WATCH?

HOW ABOUT 'MOZART IN THE JUNGLE'?

I THINK WE WERE ON SEASON THREE, EPISODE FOUR...

NO... WE SAW THAT... WE WERE ON EPISODE FIVE OR MAYBE SIX.

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THAT'S WHY PEOPLE BINGE-WATCH SHOWS...

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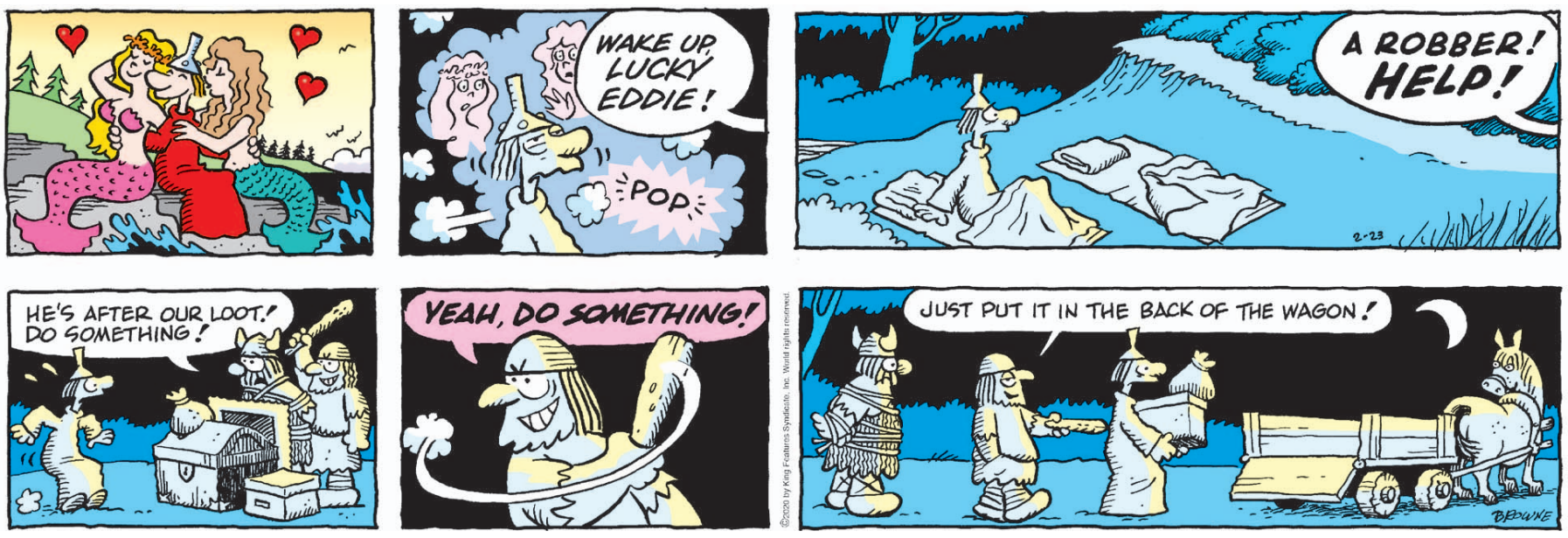
BECAUSE THEY CAN NEVER REMEMBER WHERE THEY LEFT OFF.

BATIUK & AYERS

HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE



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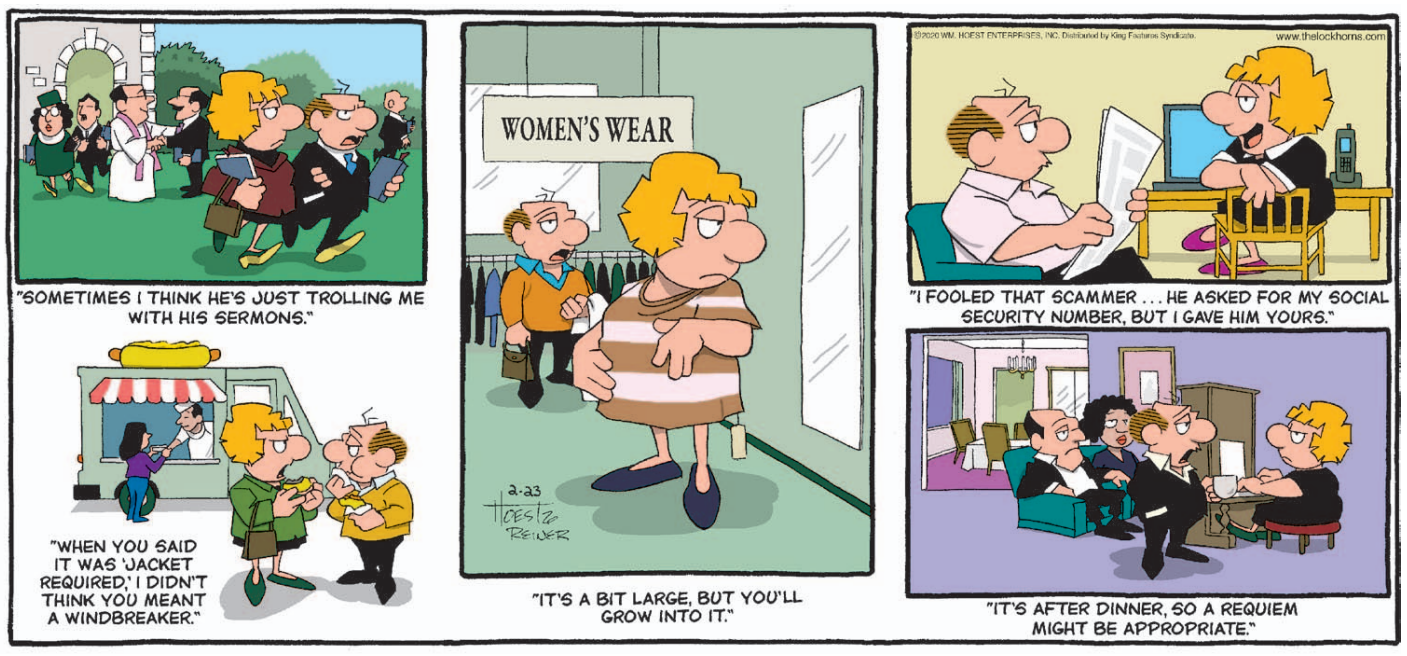
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"SOMETIMES I THINK HE'S JUST TROLLING ME WITH HIS SERMONS."
"WHEN YOU SAID IT WAS 'JACKET REQUIRED,' I DIDN'T THINK YOU MEANT A WINDBREAKER."
WOMEN'S WEAR
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HOEST & REINER
"IT'S A BIT LARGE, BUT YOU'LL GROW INTO IT."
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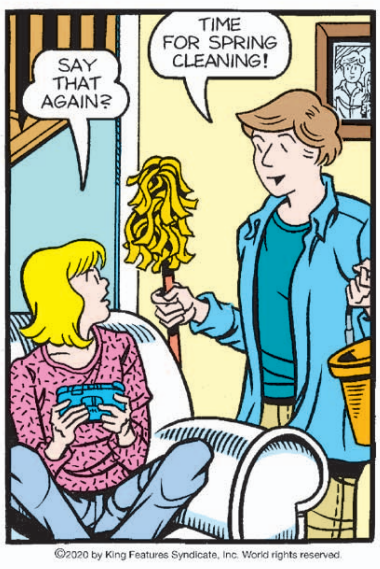
"I FOOLED THAT SCAMMER . . . HE ASKED FOR MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BUT I GAVE HIM YOURS."
"IT'S AFTER DINNER, SO A REQUIEM MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano



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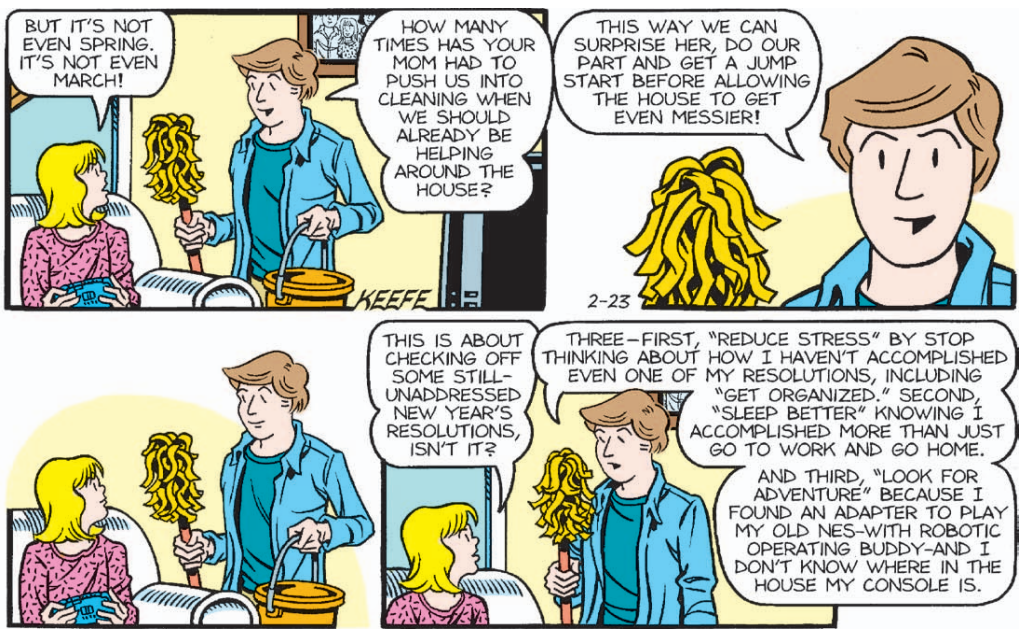
BUT IT'S NOT EVEN SPRING. IT'S NOT EVEN MARCH!
HOW MANY TIMES HAS YOUR MOM HAD TO PUSH US INTO CLEANING WHEN WE SHOULD ALREADY BE HELPING AROUND THE HOUSE?
KEEFE
THIS WAY WE CAN SURPRISE HER, DO OUR PART AND GET A JUMP START BEFORE ALLOWING THE HOUSE TO GET EVEN MESSIER!
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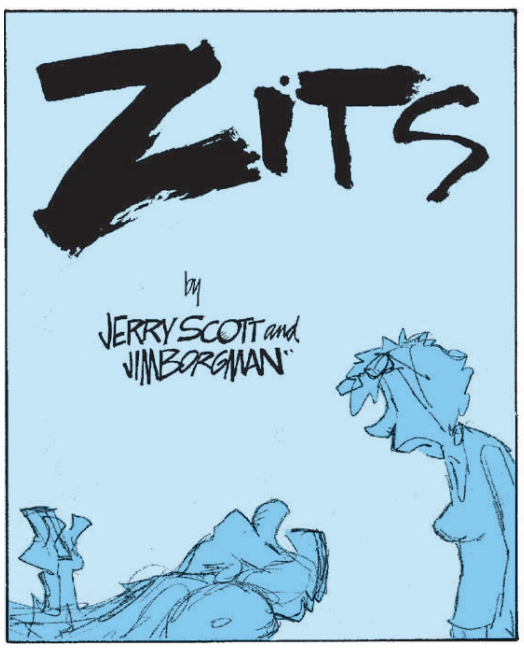
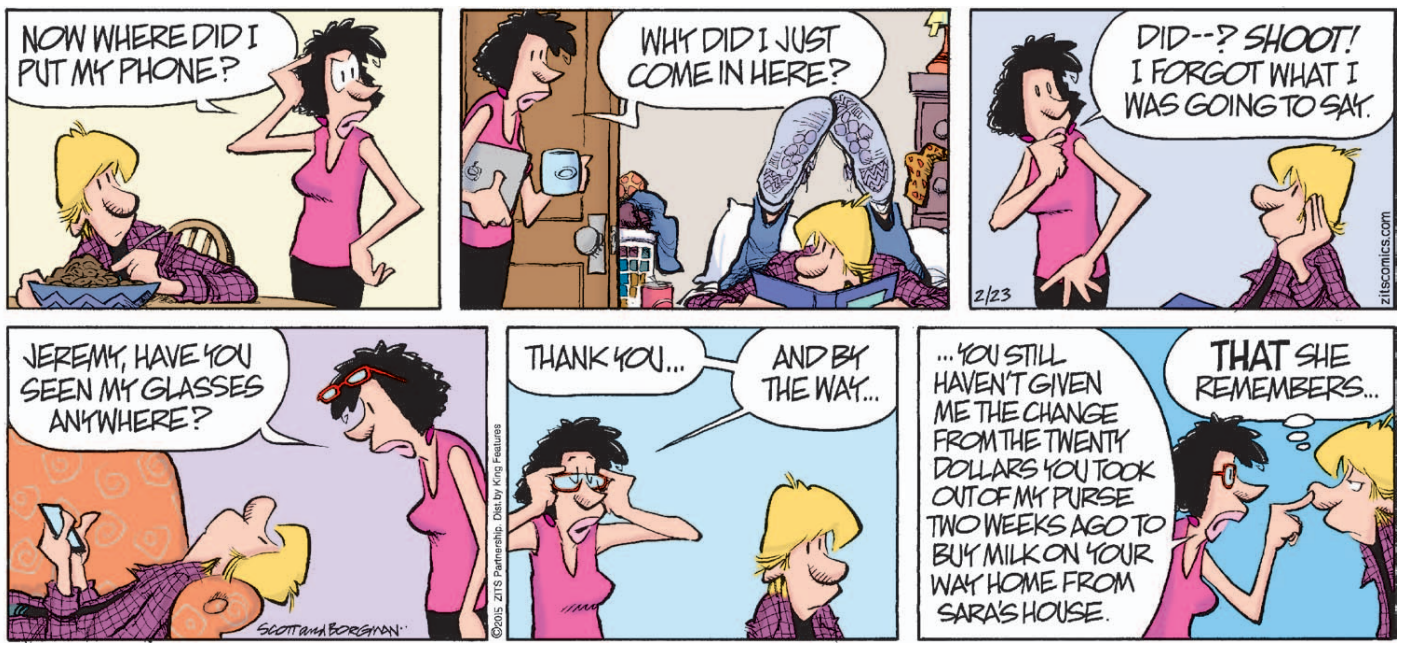
THIS IS ABOUT CHECKING OFF SOME STILL-UNADDRESSED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, ISN'T IT?
THREE—FIRST, "REDUCE STRESS" BY STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW I HAVEN'T ACCOMPLISHED EVEN ONE OF MY RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING "GET ORGANIZED." SECOND, "SLEEP BETTER" KNOWING I ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN JUST GO TO WORK AND GO HOME.
AND THIRD, "LOOK FOR ADVENTURE" BECAUSE I FOUND AN ADAPTER TO PLAY MY OLD NES-WITH ROBOTIC OPERATING BUDDY-AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE IN THE HOUSE MY CONSOLE IS.

ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN




NOW WHERE DID I PUT MY PHONE?
WHY DID I JUST COME IN HERE?
DID--? SHOOT! I FORGOT WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY.
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JEREMY, HAVE YOU SEEN MY GLASSES ANYWHERE?
SCOTT and BORGMAN
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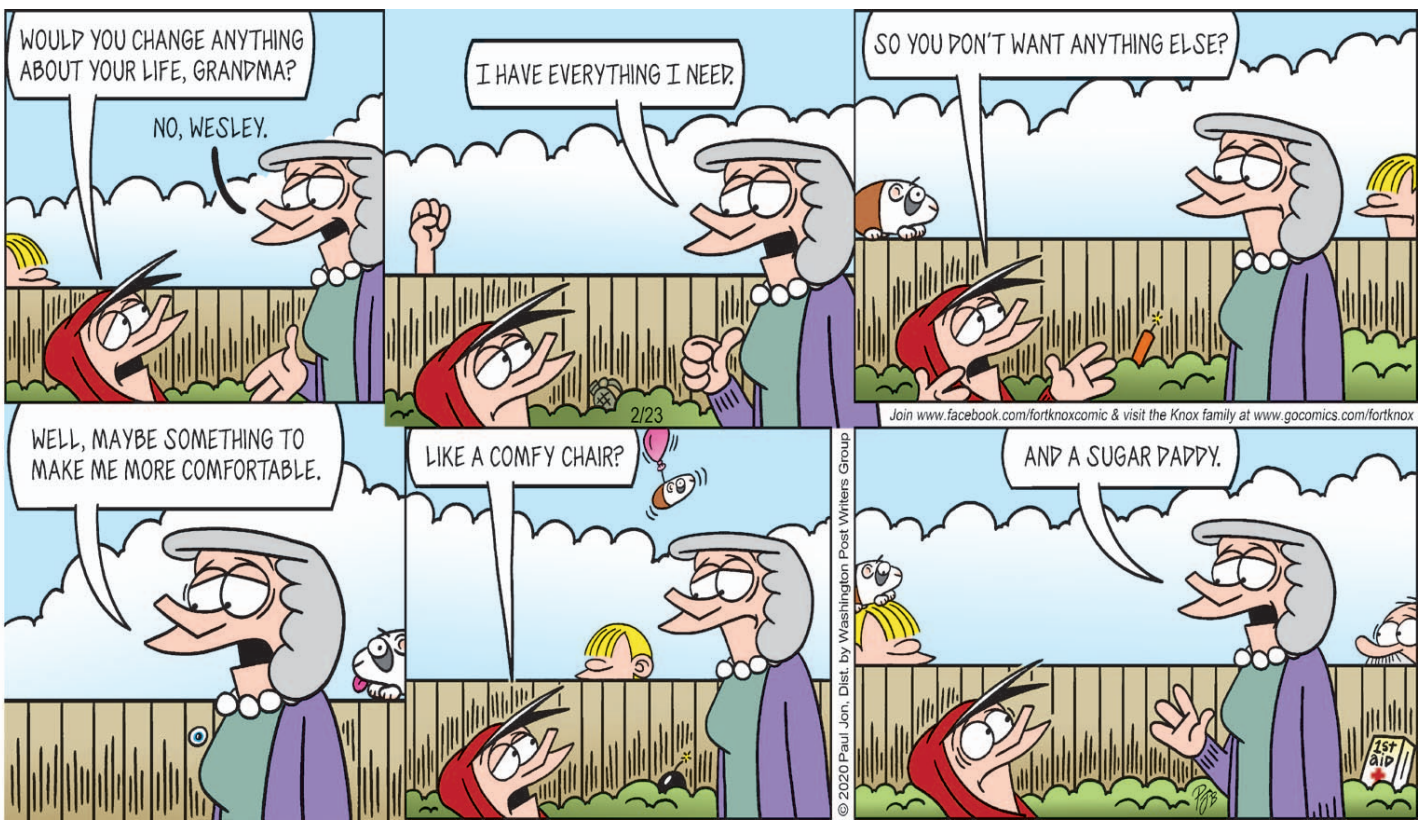
THANK YOU...
AND BY THE WAY...
...YOU STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN ME THE CHANGE FROM THE TWENTY DOLLARS YOU TOOK OUT OF MY PURSE TWO WEEKS AGO TO BUY MILK ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM SARA'S HOUSE.
THAT SHE REMEMBERS...

FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon


WOULD YOU CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR LIFE, GRANDMA?
NO, WESLEY.
I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED.
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SO YOU DON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE?
Join www.facebook.com/fortknoxcomic & visit the Knox family at www.gocomics.com/fortknox
WELL, MAYBE SOMETHING TO MAKE ME MORE COMFORTABLE.
LIKE A COMFY CHAIR?
AND A SUGAR DADDY.
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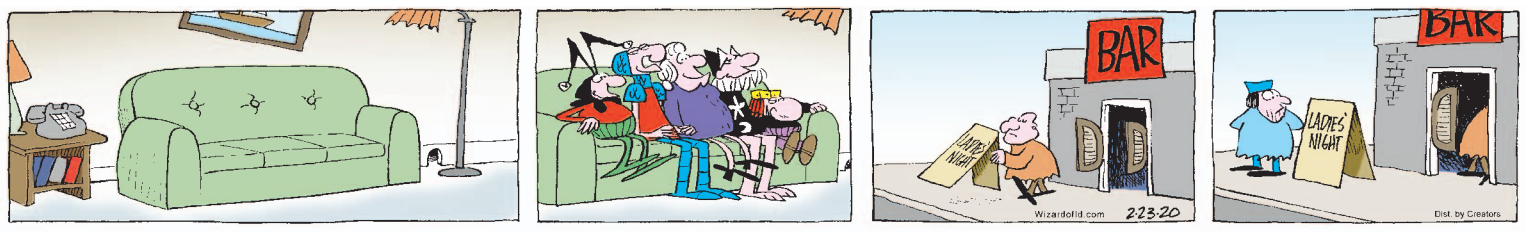
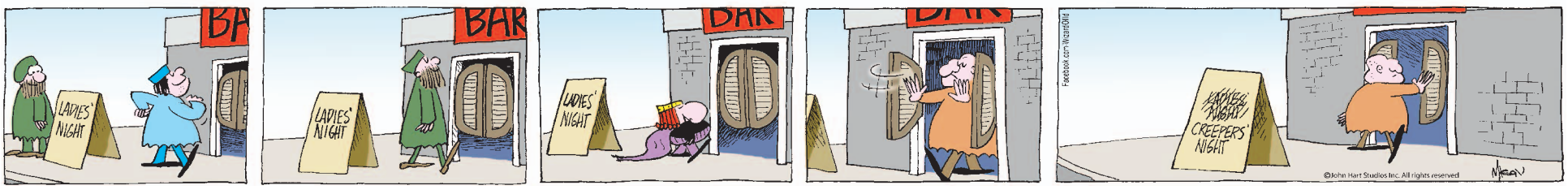
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker





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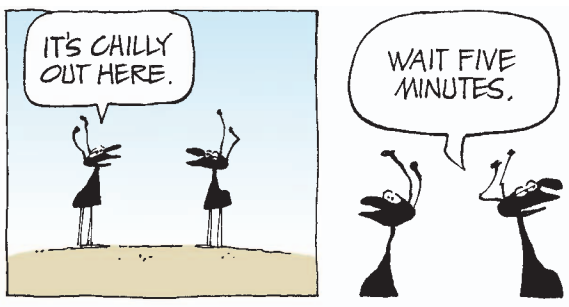

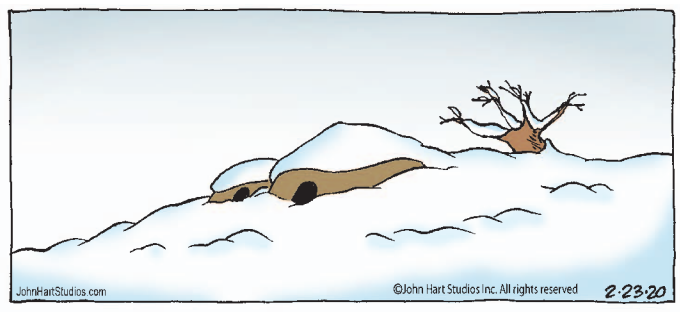

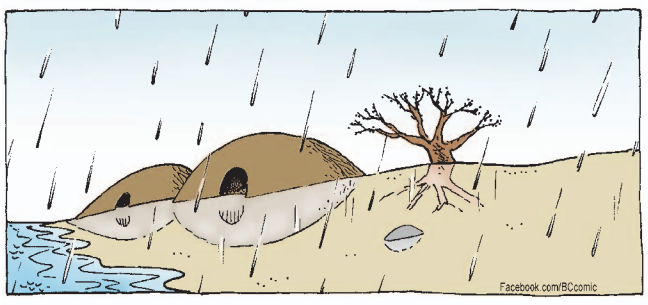

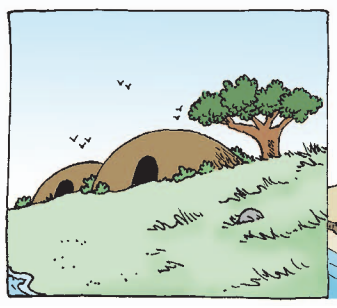

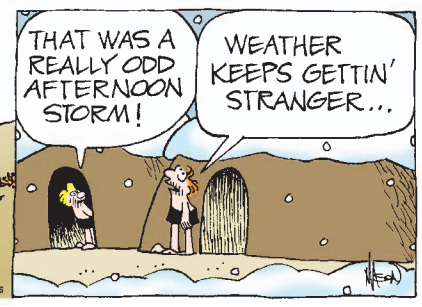

BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro

I can't help but think this is retribution from the universe for pretending that I was an emotional support animal.
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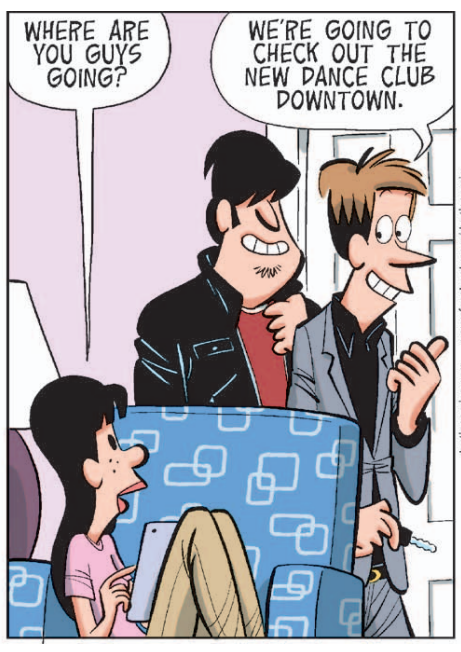
DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER


WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING?
WE'RE GOING TO CHECK OUT THE NEW DANCE CLUB DOWNTOWN.
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KELLEY and PARKER
I JUST SAW DUSTIN AND FITCH LEAVING ALL DRESSED UP.
YEAH.
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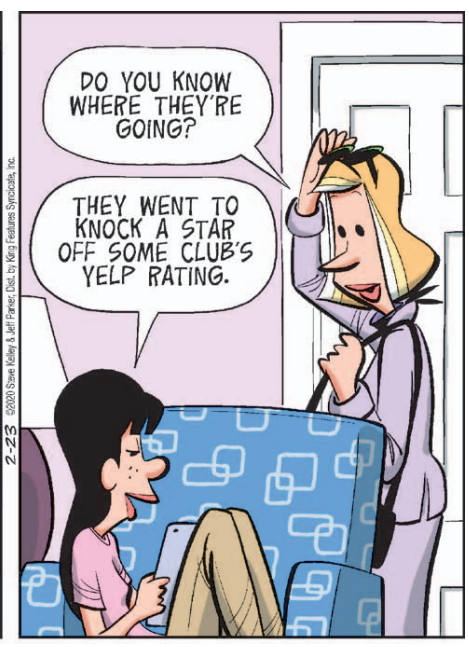
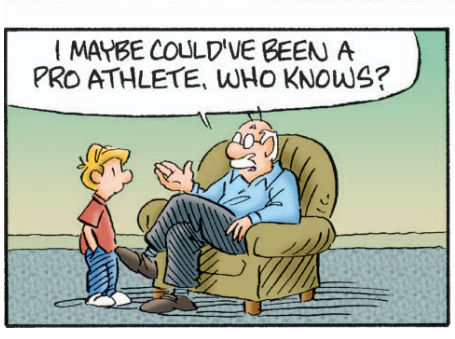
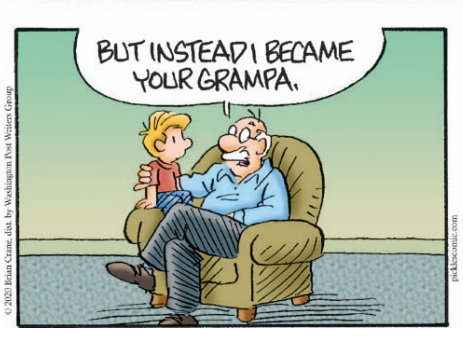


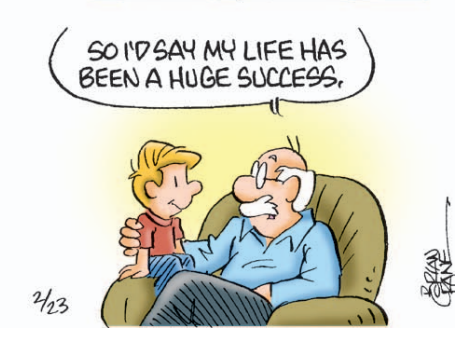
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

PICKLES

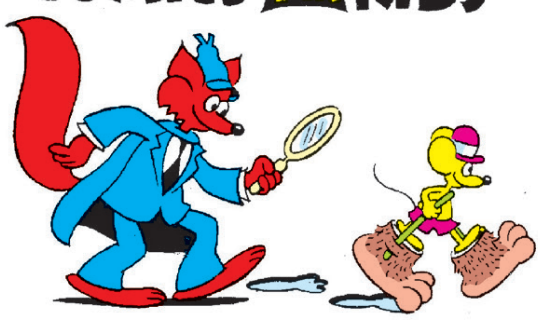
by BRIAN CRANE





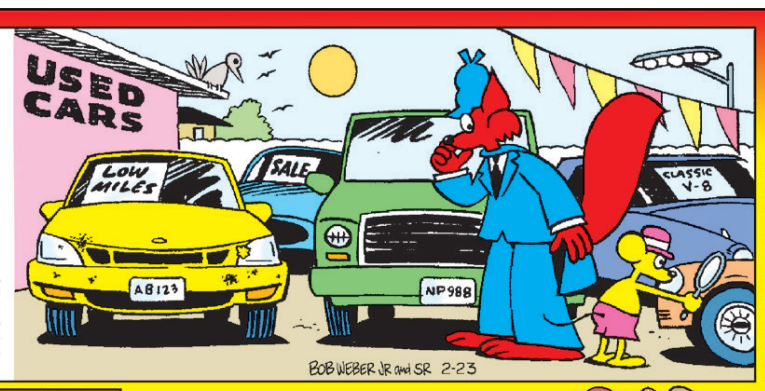


Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

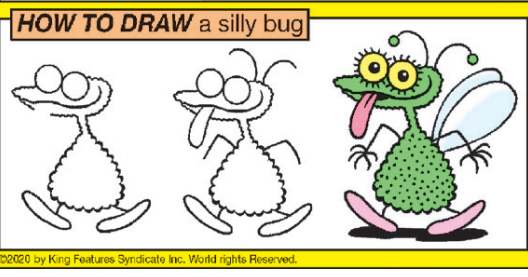


Last night a thief stole a car from this car lot, raced to a town 75 miles away, burglarized a home, sped back to the car lot, and returned the vehicle. Hours later, how did Slylock Fox correctly guess which car was stolen?

Solution -- The car on the far left was driven by the thief. Slylock noticed insects that collided and stuck to the front and as the car sped through the night.



HOW TO DRAW a silly bug



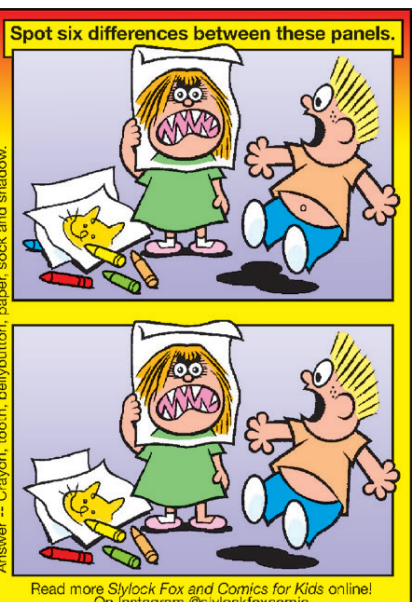
YOUR DRAWING

Today's artist is Leah, age 5

Submit your drawing to **www.kidcartoonists.com**

With their amazing eyesight, bald eagles can see a surfacing fish from a mile away.

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Crayon, tooth, bellybutton, paper, sock and shadow.

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